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GERMANS ABANDONING MANY POSITIONS ON SOVIET FRONT Invaders' Casualties Estimated At 1,750,000

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 4 (UP).—THE NEWSPAPER "IZVESTIA" TO-DAY REPORTED A SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL LOCAL COUNTER-ATTACKS ON THE WEST FRONT BUT DID NOT INDICATE THE POSITIONS. IT SAID THAT THE GERMANS ARE ABANDONING ONE POSITION AFTER ANOTHER AFTER FIERCE RESISTANCE.

LAST TUESDAY, THE GERMANS TRIED TO HALT THE RUSSIANS AND STAGED A "PSYCHIC ATTACK." THEY THREW IN TWO PICKED BATTALIONS LED BY AN ORCHESTRA, DRUMS AND CYMBALS. THE RUSSIANS LET THEM ADVANCE IN DIRECT FORMATION THEN OPENED HEAVY MACHINEGUN FIRE, CHARGED WITH BAYONETS AND WIPED OUT BOTH COMPANIES.

Moscow Prepares For Long Siege

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Moscow authorities are taking all steps to ensure that the city's population shall have as comfortable a time as possible during the winter. Huge reserves of food are being stored, including 400,000 tons of potatoes, and 214,000 tons of other vegetables.

U. K. WAR EFFORT & U. S. AID

Britain Disturbed By Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken to-day issued an open invitation to United States Senators and Representatives to visit England themselves and convince themselves regarding the British war effort and the use of United States materials.

The invitation indicated the concern which has been felt recently in England over firstly; charges in the United States that the British war effort is lagging and war materials misused; secondly, that opinion in the United States is becoming increasingly muddled, particularly since the Russo-German war with a result that there has been a considerable slackening in American enthusiasm to aid in defeating Hitler.

No Peace Mission
Asked whether a visit by a delegation of American legislators to England and Germany might not assume the proportions of a peace mission, Mr. Bracken declared, "There can be no question of our ever using any intermediary for peace. We are fully confident of our power to destroy Nazi tyranny and want no peace-mongers. There is no question of peace as long as Hitler and his bunch of gangsters disturb the peace of the world. He has occupied a lot of nations in Europe and there is no question that if he had his say, he would occupy a lot of States on the American Continent. But he won't have his say."

Myron Taylor
NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, left by Clipper to-day for Lisbon en route to Rome, having recuperated from a severe illness that has lasted several months.

Heavy Daylight Raid Over Northern France

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A heavy attack is believed to have been made by a large force of bombers and fighters over Northern France this afternoon. Aircraft were heard flying across the Channel at a great height.

About an hour later bombers in formation, escorted by many squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes, re-crossed the southeast coast on the way home.

Meanwhile anti-aircraft fire had been heard from the French coast and there were also heavy explosions believed to have been the crashing of bombs.

GERMAN N.C.O. SHOT

Incident In Paris

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Sept. 4 (UP).—It is reported that a German non-commissioned officer was shot in the shoulder in Paris on Wednesday night. The German police took the case over from the French.

The German N.C.O. was walking with his fiancée when he was shot from behind but not seriously wounded. He was treated at La Rabouliere Hospital. The shooting occurred in the Montparnasse quarter where a naval Ensign was recently assassinated.

ITALIAN CRUISER SUNK BY SUB.

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of an Italian submarine by the British cruiser Hermione is reported in an Admiralty communique. It says that the Hermione, (Captain G. N. Oliver, R.N.) recently sighted an Italian U-boat on the surface shortly before dawn. While the cruiser altered course and increased to full speed, the enemy attempted to "crash-dive," but the Hermione cut the U-boat in half, carrying a portion of the wreckage away on her bows.

There were no survivors from the U-boat.

Rotterdam Docks

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is learned that one Fortress aircraft bombed docks at Rotterdam this afternoon.

Toll of Fighters

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Eleven enemy fighters were destroyed today and seven British fighters are missing.

M. Lozovsky to-day declared that Leningrad itself had not been raided owing to its good defences, though numerous attempts had been made to subject the city to aerial bombing.

He dismissed the German report that Brianks had been taken and again denied reports of Soviet-Finnish peace negotiations.

He said that the position at Odessa had considerably improved in view of the immense Rumanian losses which had created the possibility of permanent Soviet counter-attacks.

Colossal Casualties

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—Reports reaching London indicate that the total German losses in the Soviet campaign so far are 1,750,000 dead, wounded and missing.

Russian losses are estimated at between two and three million including the colossal size of the nation.

The Russians it is claimed have 9,000,000 men in the field and between four and five million additional men are to be put into the field shortly.

Germans Halted

M. Lozovsky claimed that the Red Army had halted the Germans approaching Leningrad compelling them to bring up reinforcements in order to maintain their old positions for which an "immense and sanguinary battle is going on day and night."

He said that the battle between Novograd and Leningrad led by Marshal Voroshilov continued unabated.

German propaganda that Leningrad was almost taken was pure fantasy. It was Goebbels and not the Wehrmacht that had almost entered the city. Leningrad was by far not encircled nor cut off. It TURN TO Back Page, Column 4

Suspense In Indo-China

Japanese Settle Down To Wait

SAIGON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Governor-General Admiral Decoux has arrived in Saigon after a tour of Cambodia. No new political developments are expected at the moment and with the departure of General Sumita to Japan, the latest phase of the Japanese move southward and the second act of incursion in Indo-China appears to have ended, leaving the curtain down between acts preceding the unforeseeable next episode.

While Japanese troops are preparing for a prolonged sojourn they are manifestly incapable of further offensive action in this area due to various factors, notably insufficient strength which is only a fraction of the recent estimates abroad.

Possible Bluff

While some quarters interpret the Japanese occupation of Southern Indo-China as a bluff intended to distract attention from a surprise attack against the Netherlands East Indies, other circles consider that the first sign of a definite weakening in the Russian western front will be the signal for a Japanese move against Siberia.

A considerable school of thought emphasises Japan's previous domestic and economic position and believes that an agreement between Japan and America in which Japan makes certain concessions in return for certain economic advantages is a likely solution to the present situation. It is feared, however, that such an agreement may be reached at the expense of Indo-China.

H. K. Man's Escape From Nazis

News of a former Hongkong resident's escape from a prisoner of war camp is contained in a brief cable message just received in the Colony.

He is Mr John R. Greaves, formerly of Messrs M. Bernal and Company, and serving with the Australian Imperial Force. Wounded during the drive on Bardia in December last, he was sent, after recovery, with his unit to Greece, in April.

After the retreat of the British forces from Greek territory, Greaves was reported to be among the missing. No indication as to his fate or that of other members of his unit had been received until now. According to a message from the Australian authorities, he is reported to have successfully escaped and is safe and well.

Premier's Report To Parliament

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—When Parliament resumes after the short summer recess, the Prime Minister intends to make a full statement to the House of Commons on the war situation.

He will deal among other matters with his meeting with President Roosevelt at sea which resulted in the formulation of the Atlantic Charter, the position of affairs in Russia and the question of Anglo-American aid, the situation in Iran and the Middle East.

There have been suggestions that the question of aid to Russia should be debated in a secret session but this does not find any support in Government circles, where it is felt that whatever can be said on the subject should be said in public.

SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NAZIS

Leningrad's Forts

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An unconfirmed report that the army of Marshal Ritter von Leib has contacted Soviet defence lines between ten and twelve miles west and south of Leningrad was telegraphed to-day by the correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet."

These defences are stated to consist of a series of forts remaining from the civil war of 1919 which have been supplemented and strengthened. These forts, the correspondent continues, are regarded as a serious obstacle by the Germans, calling for strong air attacks if they are to be overcome.

Crediting the Germans with the wish to spare Leningrad the horrors of war, the correspondent mentions that there are no reports of direct bombing attacks on the city itself.

Dual Attack Likely

It is understood, however, that when the weather permits the Germans are making an attack on the Leningrad defence line and the great naval base at Kronstadt protecting the city.

The Russians are reported to be carrying out extensive counter-attacks in the central sector of the vast battle-front. These counter-attacks, it is stated, are proceeding along a line running south from Viazma (halfway between Smolensk and Moscow) but a claim is made in TURN TO Back Page, Column 5

LATEST

Britain Calling Up All Her Manpower

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—It is very reliably reported that the army had issued a call for more manpower during the past two months and this will continue throughout the winter to expand the forces to maximum power, as the Germans are reducing their garrisons in France, Holland and Belgium due to the great losses on the Russian front.

They asserted that there is nothing unusual in the call-up by the army which is continually proceeding. No special orders for a massive call-up have been issued, but the Government is proceeding on the principle that not a fit man will enjoy being in the reserve category if his job can be filled by a woman, and it was for this reason that the Government recently issued a call for 500,000 women to replace fit men in factories.

This will release an equivalent number of men and swell the British army which is unofficially estimated at 4,000,000 including 1,500,000 Home Guards which are considered more than ample to defend the British Isles.

Thus the constant reinforcement in the future is considered as paving the way for "an army of invasion," possibly on the Continent next spring at the earliest.

It is pointed out that the expanding British army will be the only striking force intact and equipped with the most modern weapons next spring. Registered British manpower including those aged 40+ is estimated to be 625,000 but the Government is only calling up for the army those men who can be dispensed with in their occupations, as well as those essential to industries who can be replaced by women.

H.E. Sir Geoffry Northcote



Governor departs To-morrow

It is announced that His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will make their official farewells at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), on which occasion they will also be glad to see any friends not otherwise invited. All are asked to be at the Pier not later than 9.25 a.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will leave Government House shortly before 9.30 a.m. and proceed to the Pier via Garden Road, Queen's Road, Jackson Road and Connaught Road. They will be preceded by a motor cycle escort of the Hongkong Police; the route will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic by the Police.

On arrival at Queen's Pier His Excellency will inspect a Guard of Honour provided by the First Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. After inspecting the Guard of Honour, His Excellency and Lady Northcote will say farewell to those assembled on Queen's Pier and then embark on the Governor's barge. As the barge leaves Queen's Pier, a salute of 17 guns will be fired by the Royal Navy from H.M.S. Tamar.

Dress is: Uniform (jackets and trousers) for those entitled to wear it; lounge suits (summer) for others.

Thai-Indo-China

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—According to a Saigon telegram, Thailand has notified the Japanese members of the Border Demarcation Committee that the withdrawal of Thai troops from that zone on the Indo-China frontier which is to be demilitarised has been completed.

Over Land

During the same night, the Fleet Air Arm dropped a number of bombs on Sicilian aerodromes at Comiso and Gerbini. One enemy aircraft going in to land was attacked from close range and was hit, while an enemy three-engined aircraft was shot down in flames over Gerbini.

British aircraft machine-gunned both aerodromes from a low height. R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked Borna, Gazala and Bardia, during the night of September 2-3. At Borna, bombs fell near a barracks and a post and telegraph office causing a fire and explosion.

At Gazala, fires were started on the south landing ground. At Bardia, a direct hit was scored on the officers' quarters.

The Fleet Air Arm attacked store dumps at Gambut where a number of fires were seen to break out.

Springboks Get Five

Yesterday in the frontier area, fighters of the South African Air Force intercepted a number of enemy fighters which attempted to attack our forward landing grounds. In air combat, five of the enemy fighters were shot down without loss to our formation.

No British aircraft is missing from these operations.

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British and Foreign
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25 cents Saturdays.

DOLL COLLECTION

Mrs Alice Verena Knight, of Coulsdon, Surrey, travelled all over the world collecting dolls of every kind in national costume. It was her wish that when she died the dolls should give pleasure to others, in her will just published, she left them to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Mrs Knight left £3,000.

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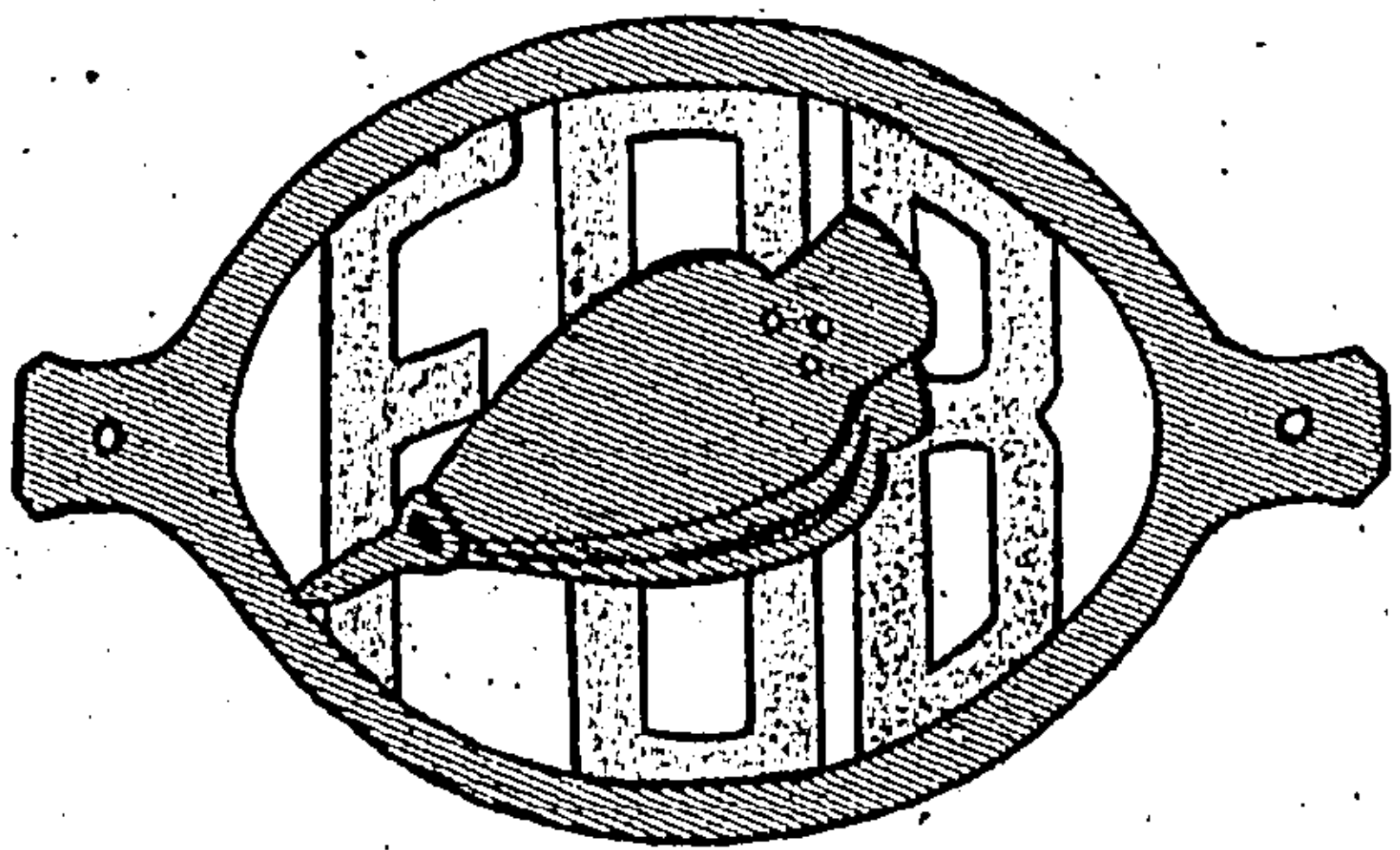
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BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Saturday, the 6th September, 1941. (Additional Holiday).

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

Ferry Services will stop at midnight on Friday, 5th September, 1941, and resume at 5.20 a.m. on Saturday, 6th September, 1941.

The last ferry will leave Hongkong at 11.55 p.m.

The last ferry will leave Kowloon at 11.55 p.m.

By Order of the Harbour Master.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

R.A.F. Pays Boys To Go To 'Varsity

Eighteen-year-old boy, cinema operator Victor Lacey, of East Sheen, is receiving a university education at the expense of the R.A.F.

Victor is the ward of an East Sheen collector. "When my old schoolmaster wrote to me about the R.A.F. scheme to send boys to university and groom them for commissions," he said "I jumped at the chance. I never thought I'd be lucky enough to go to university and get a chance to become a pilot."

'Blue' And Wings?

Now Victor spends his R.A.F. pocket money rowing on the river on his spare afternoons, so he may get his "blue" as well as his wings. Public schoolboys, clerks, insurance men, and elementary schoolboys are already shaping lectures with Victor under this plan.

Said a squadron leader with a peacetime reputation as an educationist: "We find that university education gives a broader view to the boys. All we ask is a school-leaving certificate, the recommendation of a master, physical fitness, and a desire to fly."

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale | Locality | Boundary Measurements | Contents in feet | Area in Acres | Approximate Value |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 | New Kowloon | as per plan. | 100 x 100 | 0.23 | \$17,800 |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,167.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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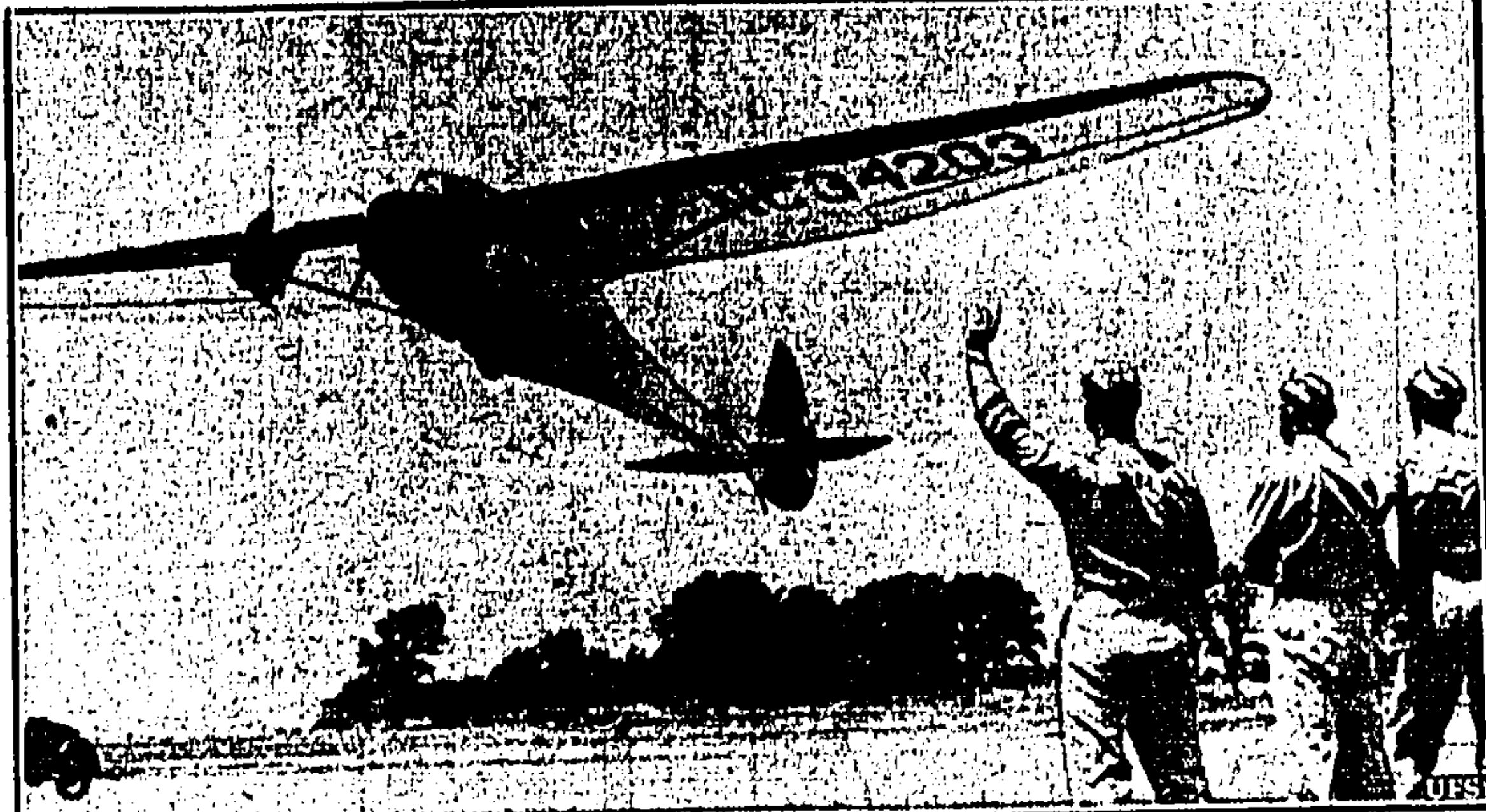
| No. of Sale | Locality | Boundary Measurements | Contents in feet | Area in Acres | Approximate Value |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 2 | New Kowloon | as per plan. | 100 x 100 | 0.23 | \$17,800 |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,708.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday is:

| Buyers |
|----------------------------------|
| H.K. Banks \$1,440 |
| Union Ins. \$430 |
| Wharves \$91.50 |
| Docks \$17.50 |
| Providents \$6.05 |
| Lands \$30 |
| Humphreys \$7.15 |
| Chinese Estates \$8.100 |
| Trams \$17.20 |
| Lights "N" \$1.85 |
| Electricity "O" Rts K.D. \$21.50 |
| Electricity "N" \$21 |
| Electricity Rts \$11.20 |
| Cement \$15.60 |
| Sellers |
| Docks \$17.70 |
| Lands \$36.75 |
| Sales |
| Docks \$17.80/70 |
| Providents \$6.05 |
| Trams \$17.50 |
| Electricity "O" Rts K.D. \$22 |
| Electricity Rts \$11.30 |
| Cement \$15.60 |
| Ropes \$9.35/65 |



ARMY TAKES TO GLIDING—Taking lessons from Germany's method of troop transport, the U.S. Army is studying gliding. Six U.S. Air Corps pilots are taking a course at Frankfort-Louis School of Soaring, Lockport, Ill. Here, some of them wave as fellow-students take off. Germans are reported to be building huge gliders that will carry up to 30 persons each.

Tokyo Finds Niseis In Japan May Retain U. S. Citizenship

The Tokyo announcement that American citizens of Japanese ancestry—popularly known as "Nisei"—can continue to reside in Japan and still maintain their citizenship removes one of the main concerns which has hung over the heads of this large American group for many months past, according to a Shanghai dispatch to the "Christian Science Monitor."

There are several thousand Japanese-Americans in Japan and in other parts of Japanese-controlled Asia who have hoped that they would not lose their coveted United States citizenship papers due to a reported plan to require them to return to the United States within six months or be classified as aliens. The U.S. Consul-General in Tokyo has announced, however, that they may remain in Japan and continue to be classed as Americans so long as they do not serve in the Japanese Army or take Japanese Government jobs open only to Japanese subjects.

MANNING EXERCISES

Lighting Restrictions At Midnight To-night

Lighting restrictions in various parts of the Colony will be commenced as from midnight to-night. The period of the ban, which is introduced under the Defence Regulations, tallies with the Defence Forces manning exercises.

The Star Ferry, Company notifies that the last ferry will leave from each side of the harbour at 11.55 p.m. to-night, and the ferry will not resume until 5.20 a.m. to-morrow. The public is reminded that during the exercises there will be considerable military traffic across the harbour, involving use of the vehicular ferry, particularly between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. to-day, and the public is requested to co-operate and restrict to a minimum non-essential vehicular traffic from the Mainland to the Island.

A notice is published in the Government Gazette forbidding the illumination of any sky sign, facia, or advertisement, or the display of any other light outside or at the entrance to any premises, or on any hoarding in Victoria, Kowloon and New Kowloon, during the period from midnight to-day until sunrise to-morrow and in Aberdeen; and in Victoria and Kowloon, east of the line drawn from the China Fleet Club to Hoi's Wharf, from 10 p.m. on September 7 to sunrise on September 8, except with the special permission of the Police.

All street lighting and lights on piers and wharves during the periods and in the areas specified will also be extinguished excepting light necessary for working of cargo on vessels or for carrying on essential works in dockyards.

ARMY FUNERAL

Sergeant of Royal Scots Laid to Rest

Sergeant Martin J. C. Elliott of the Royal Scots, who was found shot dead with a service rifle beside his body at Victoria Barracks early yesterday morning, was buried with full military honours at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. Captain G. Bennett, Military Chaplain, officiated. The funeral procession left the Military Hospital about 5.45 p.m., led by a detachment of men from the Royal Scots. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack and carrying Sergeant Elliott's glengarry, belt and side-arms, was mounted on a gun-carriage which was followed by a large contingent of men of the Regiment.

The Pipe Major of the Royal Scots played a lament, and the firing of three volleys, and after the salute by the firing party, a squad of six buglers of the Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille". The late Sergeant Elliott came to Hongkong with his Regiment about three years ago and had many friends, both in military and civil circles.

He leaves a widow and a baby girl of about two years, both evacuees in Australia. Lt Col. D. J. McDougall, Officer Commanding, Royal Scots, Major R. C. Harland, Major and many friends, both in military and civil circles, were among the large number of Royal Scots officers and others present. There were representatives of other Regiments.

Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve, Commander of the Hongkong Infantry Brigade, will shortly proceed to England accompanied by his wife and daughter, who recently returned to the Colony from Manila.

The Nisei problem arises from Japanese emigration to the United States years ago. Their children, born on American soil, are American citizens just like any other child born in the United States. But they may also be Japanese subjects if their parents registered them shortly after their birth at a nearby Japanese Consulate. In that case they have two citizenships each of which is valid.

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Renunciation
The Nisei who lives in Hawaii or California or elsewhere in the United States and who never leaves the country experience no legal problems. When in America one may go to a Japanese Consulate and formally renounce his Japanese citizenship. Many Nisei do so. But once he arrives in Japan he can't renounce Japanese citizenship although he can go to an American Consulate in Japan and renounce his American citizenship.

In Japan the Nisei is regarded as a Japanese citizen, provided he hasn't gone through the renunciation formally before he arrived. And as a Japanese citizen he's just as liable as any other Japanese to Japanese law and custom. He can be drafted for the Army or put into the Navy. He can be sent to fight in Mongolia or he can be put in the Navy Department as a translator.

Serving in China
A good many Japanese-American boys from Hawaii, California, Chicago or New York to-day are serving on the battle fronts of China.

Difficulties face their marriages to "pure" Japanese girls. Under American law that wife can't go to America as an immigrant seeking citizenship. As an Oriental she is barred from citizenship. She can go as a visitor or student but she can't live in the United States permanently. A child, however, can become an American citizen under certain circumstances. In order to do so he has to go to America at a fairly early age and live there for several years, but that, of course, separates him from his mother during his teens.

Washington, Sept. 4. Mr. Edward Taylor, 83, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the oldest member of Congress, died to-day.—United Press.

AEROPLANE CAMPAIGN

Dollar Fund Launched By Chinese in Colony

Representatives from about 30 Chinese business and charitable organisations were present at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce premises in Connaught Road Central, yesterday, when the "Aeroplane Fund Campaign" was launched in the Colony. Mr. Tung Chung-wai, President of the Chamber, acted as Chairman.

The fund is already in full swing in China, and Major General Chuan Hsiang-wan, Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs, after explaining China's need for more planes, reported that over \$500,000 had already been donated by the people of Szechuan.

The campaign will last until December 3, and the first committee meeting, which will be held on September 9 at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, will be attended by a representative from each of 39 organisations.

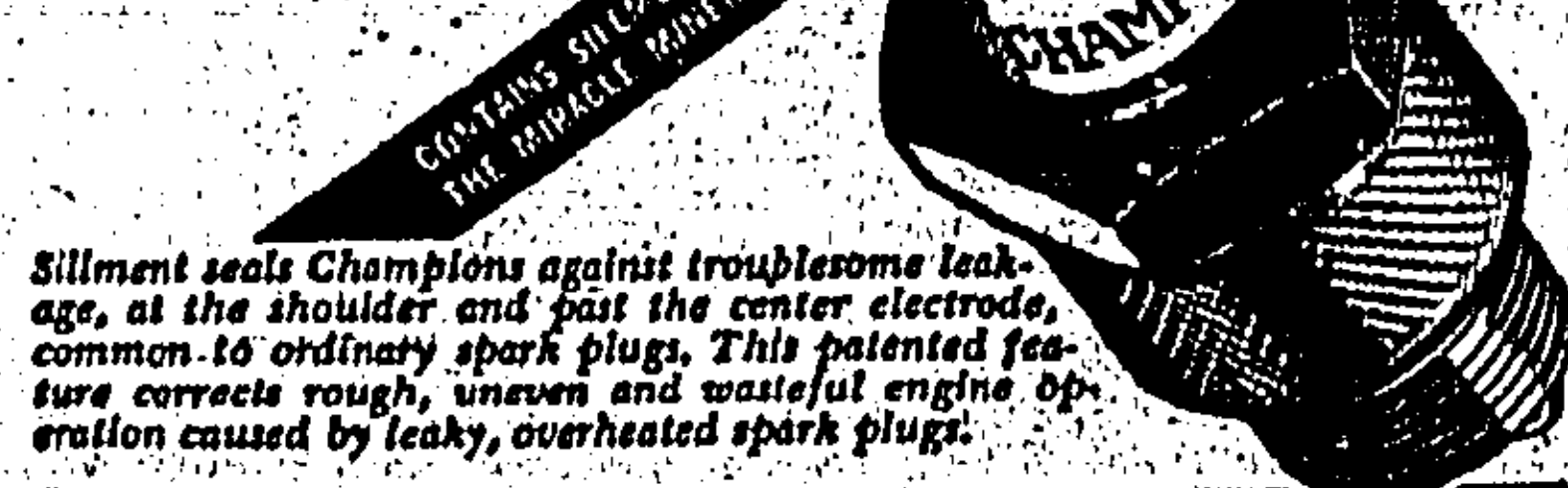
Yesterday's meeting ended with a patriotic gesture by a Mr. Tsai Chiu, a member of the Laundrymen's and Dyeing Guild, who took off his gold finger ring, and gave it to the Aeroplane Fund. A Chinese doctor also donated the sum of two dollars.

BISHOP HALL TO LECTURE IN U.S.

The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, has left the Colony on a visit to the United States, where he will lecture for two months at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass., on mission work, with particular reference to China. The Bishop also hopes to give lectures on the China Industrial Co-operatives while in America, and will also make appeals for financial aid for Bishop Hall's work. It is learned that Bishop Hall has also received an invitation to speak with Miss Agnes Smedley in Hollywood on "Assistance to China". Bishop Hall will not be going to England, and expects to leave America for Hongkong about the middle of December.

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GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Saturday, 6th September, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Unong.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuan, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien, except Amoy and Xiamen, Kwangtung, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th September. Sept. 11.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th September. Sept. 25.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 5, 4.00 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 5, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8

Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 8, 4 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 8, 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways" and Trans-Atlantic Services.
K.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 11, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 11, 5.30 p.m.

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Reg. Sept. 11, 5 p.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 25

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways" and Trans-Atlantic Services.
K.P.O.
Reg. Sept. 25, 5 p.m.
Ord. Sept. 25, 5.30 p.m.

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Reg. Sept. 25, 5 p.m.

Ord. Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

War Risk Insurance Promise To HK

Reference to Hongkong is made in an explanatory memorandum attached to the Colonial War Risks Insurance (Guarantees) Bill, which was recently drawn up, and which authorises the Secretary of State to agree to make good any deficiencies in funds established by colonies and certain other countries for insuring commodities against war risks.

It is stated that a promise of such a guarantee has already been made to Kenya and Uganda, a joint scheme having already been in operation in those dependencies for some time. Similar promises have been given to Palestine and to Hongkong, although their schemes have not yet actually come into operation.

LIVED TO 104

William Wall, of Dudley Road, Twickenham, Staffs, who celebrated his 104th birthday on May 23, has died. He did not know Britain was at war. Except for a few months, Mr Wall had lived in the same district all his life. He had over 160 descendants, three of his children being old age pensioners.

American-Mexican Disputes Disappear

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Real progress in negotiating a stabilisation loan to Mexico is being made, according to an announcement made by the United States Secretary of the Treasury Mr Henry Morgenthau, who added that these were simple negotiations on which he could comment.

The opinion is that this tends to confirm reports that similar loans are being negotiated with Ecuador, Colombia and possibly other Latin-American countries.

The stabilisation loan would bolster Mexican currency and would apparently be made simultaneously with the settlement of the expropriation question.

In this connection, the "Journal of Commerce" reports that the formula for a settlement of the expropriation controversy calls for payment of \$9,000,000 down to American oil companies and further instalments chiefly in the sales of oil at 20 per cent. below the prevailing market price.

Settlement Terms

The Journal adds that the settlement of the oil question, which has been presented to the interested companies for acceptance, will be part of a comprehensive agreement involving a stabilisation loan of \$30,000,000 and a \$30,000,000 Export-Import Bank credit for expansion in the production of strategic materials and purchase of military supplies.

A high official indicated that most of the major differences had been ironed out and that an agreement may be announced in a "week or a month."

U. S. Weapons For Poland's Soldiers

Lease-Lend Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has authorised the first Lease-Lend aid to the Polish Government, permitting military equipment to go to Polish soldiers now training in Canada for action overseas.

A White House announcement said that under the President's order, machine-guns, rifles, artillery, equipment, lorries and other supplies will be sent to these troops in future.

The statement added that President Roosevelt had "stressed the importance of this new aid to the Government of Poland as a continuing expression of the policy of the United States to aid all who resist aggression."

Vital To U.S.A.

President Roosevelt declared that the resistance of the Polish forces was "vital to the defence of the United States," added the authorisation. The statement stressed the Government's intention to give material support to the "fighting determination of the Polish people to establish once again the independence of which they are so inhumanly deprived."

Former M.P. Charged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—Captain Sir Herbert Faint Latham, 36, wealthy ex-M.P., was today accused at a court martial on 38 charges to which he pleaded not guilty. The charges included "disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind."

Latham, who is said to have been in artificial leg also pleaded not guilty to charges that he attempted to commit suicide when a letter from a Gunner exposed him.

Cairo and Suez Canal Bombed

With Little Effect

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—"There was an air raid last night on Cairo and Suez Canal areas," states the Ministry of the Interior. "Bombs were dropped on a suburb of Cairo, killing one and injuring 21. There was very slight damage."

Slight damage was also done in the Suez Canal area but no casualties were reported.

"Alarms were also sounded in the greater part of the Delta."

It is understood that the damage in the Cairo suburb did not affect private property.

NAZIS WONT FEED THEIR VICTIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Sept. 4 (UP).—"The German principle by which the occupying government is in no wise obliged to feed the population of the occupied countries," was stressed by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman according to the "Gazette de Lausanne."

The spokesman added that the Reich solemnly declared that it would not take any responsibility for such feeding.

First Australian Envoy To China

BATAVIA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The first Australian Minister to China, Mr Frederick William Eggleston, who is at present in the Dutch East Indies, today paid a visit to the military authorities at Bandung. In a press interview Mr Eggleston said that his nomination was the third of a series of appointments which demonstrated Australia's sincere desire to develop relations with other Pacific countries.

Realistic Singapore Exercises

SINGAPORE, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Defence exercises with "effects" will be held here in the middle of September lasting two days. They will be so realistic that the population has been warned in advance not to be alarmed.

A communique announcing the exercises declares that the measures need cause no alarm. They are merely a contribution towards the training of services on whose work the community will depend in an emergency.

FOUR NEW ENGLISH BISHOPS

Former Soldier

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The four new Bishops whose nomination is approved by the King include the Right Reverend Noel Baring Hudson, who became a Brigadier-General in the last war at the age of 23 and won the D.S.O. and Military Cross each with a bar.

Bishop Hudson, who becomes Bishop of Newcastle, is Secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Other new Bishops are Canon Frank R. Barry, Sub-Dean of Westminster, who becomes Bishop of Southwell; Dr R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Southwark, who becomes Bishop of Hereford and the Rev. W. W. Cash, General Secretary of the Missionary Society, who becomes Bishop of Worcester.

Bishop Cash was previously the Society's Secretary for Palestine, Egypt and North Sudan. He served as Temporary Chaplain to the Forces from 1916 to 1923 and won the D.S.O.

DENTZ ON WAY BACK TO VICHY

BEIRUT, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—General Dentz accompanied by 47 officers of his General Staff, has arrived from Jerusalem on the first stage of his journey back to France.

A Guard of Honour was mounted at the quayside and presented arms before General Dentz boarded his ship which is leaving in a convoy shortly.

General Dentz is accompanying his husband, who is understood to have accepted the offer of a high post on the Vichy General Staff.

An Allied spokesman told "Reuter": "We have given the men of Vichy a good lesson in International Law and told them how to treat prisoners. Let the Axis Axis General Dentz about it."

It is learned that over 100 French "camion" departed from the last convoy of ships arriving from France and joined the Free French forces in the Levant. One "camion" was reported to have been lost in a proceeding normally. He said: "Vichy propaganda told us that Beirut was in ruins and with no petrol for traffic."

MALTA BAGE SIX WITHOUT A LOSS

MALTA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that six enemy fighters were shot down over Malta today.

Last night there was a succession of raids on Malta; enemy raiders operated singly, and dropped bombs on land causing slight civilian damage but no casualties.

On Thursday morning a large formation of Italian fighters approached Malta. They were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and six of the enemy were definitely shot into the sea. At least three were badly damaged and are unlikely to have damaged their base. We sustained no losses.

NAZI-CATHOLIC COMBAT IN HOLLAND

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Monsieur de Jong, Catholic Bishop of the Netherlands, has been fined 500 guilders by the Nazis for wilfully failing to obey a German police order, states today's "Vrij Nederland," a Free Dutch paper published in London.

Although the contents of the order were not disclosed, the decision of Dr Seyss-Inquart to prosecute the head of Holland's Catholic Church brings to a head the strained relations between the Nazis and the Catholic community.



TANK CREW RESTS—Members of a Russian tank crew study a chart of instructions before going into action against the Nazis. Their tank is in background. Force counter-attacks by Soviet tanks and planes have slowed the Nazi blitzkrieg.

Summary Of War Fronts: Finns' Decision Awaited

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The most complete reserve on the progress of fighting on the eastern front which continues to be maintained by German and Soviet communiques cannot hide the fact that there is crystallization of the situation in three directions.

Marshal Bismarck has announced that the Finnish forces have reached the old frontiers in the Karelian Isthmus and it will not be long before it is known whether his Order of the Day reminding his soldiers that the time has not arrived for turning "swords into ploughshares" means that they are to continue to wage war for Germany's benefit, or whether they will rest on their laurels and remain on guard over the restored Finnish territory.

A tremendous battle is now raging for Leningrad. Against those formidable rings of outer defences, the German forces are throwing masses of troops and hundreds of aeroplanes without so far, it appears, making any real impression on the great air defences and military and citizen army which Marshal Voroshilov has assembled.

Counter-Attacks

It is believed that the Soviet attack on an enemy salient in the central sector of the front, in which they hurled the German back 30 miles and captured 22 villages, is probably the counter-attack which was seen by Lieut-General Mason Macfarlane, head of the British Military Mission, somewhere north-east of Smolensk.

This, although a considerable operation, was not on the scale of the counter-attack for the protection of the Russian salient at Kiev about which details are waited in London.

The drama of the vast struggle in Russia which is rapidly approaching decisions of vital consequence to the future course of the war over shadows for the moment, but should not be allowed to black-out other interesting considerations. One is that the movements of the military leaders as well as private citizens in Germany on the way the war is expressed for them are now being freely expressed.

Danger In Conquests

General Kabisch, in a remarkable article in the "Derneuezeitung," it is learned from Prague, points to the teachings of Clausewitz that conquering enemy territory without substantial gains could lead to the weakening of Germany's own position.

General Kabisch, with an eye on Russia's reserves in manpower and material, adds: "This applies especially to a war in the east where our aim must be to defeat the Red Army to such an extent that our force can resume the offensive against England or in the Near East."

Another consideration is that under cover of Germany's preoccupation in Russia, the emigration of the armies of the British Empire and Britain—from Canada to England, from England to South Africa, Australia and India to the Middle East, from India and Australia to the Far East—has reached formidable proportions and must soon be ready to meet all eventualities on the existing and potential battle-fields.

Mackenzie King

That Mr Mackenzie King, one of the leading personalities of the Empire and very close to President Roosevelt, has been instructed in these eventualities in the highest British councils concerned with all questions of strategy and war which are pending was one of the most interesting references to the Canadian Minister's visit to England and Canadian forces made by Mr Churchill at Mansion House today.

MACHINE SETTER'S HONOUR

Matthew Bradley, a machine setter, was recently called from his bench at a big Tyneside armament works, to be decorated by the King with the medal of the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) as a mark of appreciation of the increased production in his factory.

Kowloon G. C. Meeting

Sea-Going Membership Rules Amended

Loss of \$3,217.67

An important alteration in the rules governing membership of the Kowloon Golf Club was made at an extraordinary general meeting held after the annual meeting at the Club House, Kowloon City, yesterday. Mr J. McKelvie presided.

Whereas formerly members were divided into two classes—Resident and Sea-going—the new amendment passed at the meeting yesterday stipulates that all subscribers to the Club will be called members. The main purpose of this amendment is to give Sea-going members better facilities and greater privileges in the Club.

The entrance fee was fixed at \$40, payable in advance. All rules applying to the former Sea-going members were deleted from the Club's Articles.

Rule 70 has been amended so that a member whose name has been posted will not be allowed to sign further cheques until his account has been paid.

The annual meeting was presided over by Mr F. C. Barry, President, who, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said in part: "The Income and Expenditure Account for the year under review shows a loss of \$3,217.67 compared with a loss of \$1,033.02 for the preceding year. Revenue declined by some \$800, reflecting the falling off in income from subscriptions and green fees. Expenditure shows a comparative increase due primarily to a higher scale of depreciation than ordinarily charged in connection with furniture, the sum of \$1,000 being written off additionally to the 10 per cent. provision usually effected. The upkeep of course also shows an increase, a justifiable one, I feel sure, in the light of the many improvements made to the Course."

"Reference to the Balance Sheet shows a considerable decrease in the cash balance which, however, need not occasion any alarm; when it is taken in association with the Stock and Sundries Debtor Assets, the position revealed is favourable comparable with that of the previous year. Opportunity was taken during the year of considerably augmenting the stock of clubs, which is much cheaper than now obtain, the benefit of which will be more fully felt in the year to come."

"The demands made both on the course and the Club membership during the past year have precluded normal use of the facilities offered by the Club, which adversely affected revenue and caused a curtailment of the usual competition programme."

Despite such discouragement your Committee has taken a long view and made continuous efforts to improve the course from the playing point of view and the Clubhouse amenities, so that when a return to normalcy is possible the Club will be increasingly attractive to its membership.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr R. K. Collings; Vice-President, Mr J. McKelvie; Captain, Mr T. B. Low; Hon. Secretary, Mr W. K. Shaw (re-elected); Members of the Committee, Messrs J. O. R. Humble, H. F. Phillips, T. Lamb, A. J. Dennis, F. C. Barry and W. C. Simpson.

Messrs Linstead and Davis and Messrs Perry Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Treasurers and Auditors respectively.

Large Sum for Relief In South China Areas

From January to the end of June this year, the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children raised HK\$35,000 and NCS\$5,000 for carrying on its relief work for war orphans.

It is understood that the Association has appropriated HK\$4,000 to the orphanage in Tai Po, HK\$1,000 to the Industrial School for Refugee Children in Hong Kong and NCS\$10,000 to the Sze-yang Commercial and Industrial Association for the establishment of a home for refugee children in Sze-yang. Further amounts have also been allocated for the establishment and maintenance of refugee children homes in Wuchow, Macao and other places.

LETTERS

Evacuation Representation Committee

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—With reference to the statements made at the General Meeting of the above committee by the Chairman and myself with regard to the article which appeared in your issue of the 29th August, I am given to understand that a misunderstanding has occurred.

A committee meeting was held on the 29th August and I was instructed by my committee to telephone your office and refute the statement in its entirety.

I spoke from the Kowloon side of the harbour to a member of your staff and asked him to refute it in the next edition of your paper, this as I understood it then he promised to do so.

Information has since reached me that a note was left for your personal reading to refer to me with regard to the telephone call, which I believe was done, in fact several calls were made but contact with me was unsuccessful.

The misunderstanding seems to have arisen between the word "refute" and the member of your staff who I now believe was under the impression that the word I used was "refer."

I regret that it was found by my committee necessary to publicly deny this article but had the facts of the case been completely before it, as they are now the references would not have occurred.

I personally regret that this misunderstanding should arise as in my dealings with all sections of the local press I have received nothing but courtesy and help.

You are at liberty to publish this letter if you so desire, and so erase any particle of doubt which might further tend to friction between the press and my committee.

W. V. TAYLOR,
Honorary Secretary,
Evacuation Representation Committee.

OIL TANKER AT VLADIVOSTOK

U.S. Shipment Arrives

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Union Oil Company today announced that its tanker L. P. Saint Claire, has reached Vladivostok carrying 95,000 barrels of aviation gasoline—the first delivery of such fuel under the United States programme to aid Russia.

The precise time of arrival was not revealed, and the announcement regarding the arrival was withheld for 12 hours until the Maritime Commission authorized its publication.

Two other tankers are due at Vladivostok next Sunday and Monday, one carrying 95,000 barrels of high octane fuel and the other carrying 75,000 barrels. The Saint Claire left Los Angeles on August 15.

BANGKOK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Teiji Tsubokami, the first Japanese Ambassador to Thailand, arrived here today.

Kerr Wants Aid To China Unified

SHANGHAI, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, has appointed a special committee to unify all British organisations rendering aid to China.

The committee will be authorised to take direct control of all British aid services to China, according to reports in the Chinese press here.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Racing Season Rolls Around Again

Beas River Paddocks Not Quite Ready

Ponies Weather Summer Well At Happy Valley

ANOTHER SUMMER has come and gone, but members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have not been able to make use of their own grazing ground in Fanling, for owing to unsettled conditions the development of Fanling property has somewhat been delayed through lack of building materials, but it is reliably learned that the buildings and stables will be completed before the end of the year.

This huge property of the club has been named "Beas River Paddocks"—the future summer resort of our "dumb friends" during the recess.

It would really interest one to know what is the actual acreage of Beas River Paddocks, because land in the New Territories is very cheap. I reported in my racing notes of June 9, 1939, that the Hongkong Jockey Club had started negotiations to purchase a big piece of land for ponies to graze.

Since then they have purchased additional lots and the cost of land alone, I understand, is over \$98,000. Judging from the figures disclosed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, at the half-yearly general meeting held in May, there is good reason to believe that there will be accommodation for over five hundred ponies.

A sum of over \$200,000 had already been expended and the amount includes the purchase of additional lots, the cost of levelling, draining, fencing and the planting of trees and shrubs.

It is estimated that a further sum of three lakhs will be required for the full development of the property. When completed it will undoubtedly be the only racing club in the Orient that will have an up-to-date grazing ground for the sole use of members.

Summered Well

HOWEVER, in the absence of a luxurious grassland, all the Australian and China ponies (excepting a few) did not leave the Colony for their holidays, and there is no doubt that all of them had spent the summer well at the stables, Village Road.

It appears all the racers were delighted to get back in harness, and of course, training is now in full swing with the work more or less confined to a collected pace. We are bound to see some fast gallops during next week.

Transfers

THERE have been a good few transfers of Australian and China racers to several new homes, and all of them will, of course, run under their new respective racing colours at the coming meeting.

The most important change is Mrs. Grasset's Snapper going to the stable, Tasma, belonging to Capt. Holmes, while Lady Northcote's Devonian has been made a gift to Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The novice jockey T. L. Tseng is now the owner of A. Good Time, Pigtail and Pumpnickel, and C. L. Gregory is going to have "a go" at that sulky pony, Silver Spear.

Rivulet seems to like her new owners, Shiu Brothers, and Santa-Anita becomes the property of Li Chuk-lai.

As to quantity, S. W. Lee has added to his long string, Eve of

Newcomers Prominent At Morning "Pows" Advice To Novices

FOUR SUCCESSFUL POWS were held during the early morning without rain to mar the unofficial meetings.

I am not a Chinese scholar, but it has been represented to me on good authority that the word "pow" in Shanghai among the trainers and mafios means a "trial test" between two or more ponies. The "dark horse" racket in Shanghai originated from these pows and Hongkong copied the line of business from a different angle.

There are a few newcomers worth watching among the novice events and the best three are A. Bluestone, L. G. Perkins and T. L. Tseng.

The latter rode a smart race on A. Good Time because his judgment of pace was certainly good and there was a perfect rhythm in the combination.

The success of B. K. Yip on Odeon was a motorcar ride, for his mount was far too good against the other stumblers.

The Jitters

I have nothing to gain in saying that a few apprentices among the "also rans" appeared to have the jitters and they were certainly afraid to be up with the field.

LT. Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, now the Prime Minister, once said:

"No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle. Young men have often been ruined through owning horses, or through backing horses, but never through riding them. Unless, of course, they break their necks, which, taken at a gallop, is a very good death to die."

Everybody knows that it is against the rules of racing to cross, jostle, or any act on the part of the jockey, but there can be no disqualification to be up with the field provided, of course, the novice keeps a straight course without interfering with other runners.

The incessant practice of keeping too far back must be avoided at the beginning (never to be afraid of "mud bath" or bumping at the start) otherwise one will never reach the top of the ladder.

Dancing, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Folly, Just in Time, King Kong, Sun's Choice and This Time, and this young novice owner now has over three dozen racers.

Australians' Autumn Plate On September 27

Colossal Weight For United Express

A FINE PROGRAMME has been framed by the racing Stewards for the extra meeting to be held on September 27, and the Double Tenth Meeting's programme of two days has also been announced.

1942 Race Fixtures

Annual Meeting Brought Forward One Month

A LIST of race fixtures for 1942 under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been circulated to members and it may interest the racing public to know that there are two additional extra meetings as against 13 of the present season.

The Annual Carnival has been brought forward almost a month, and the first extra meeting is scheduled to be held on February 21. The following is a list of 1942's fixtures:

Saturday, January 31, Annual Meeting
Monday, February 2, Annual Meeting
Tuesday, do 3, Annual Meeting
Wednesday, do 4, Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 21—First Extra.
Saturday, March 7—Second Extra.
Saturday, March 21—Third Extra.
Saturday, April 4—Fourth Extra.
Monday (Easter), April 6—Fourth Extra.
Saturday, April 10—Fifth Extra.
Saturday, April 19—Sixth Extra.
Saturday, May 2—Seventh Extra.
Monday (Whitsun), May 25 (Seventh Extra).
Saturday, June 6—Eighth Extra.
Saturday, September 28—Ninth Extra.
Saturday, October 10—Tenth Extra.
Saturday, October 24—Eleventh Extra.
Saturday, November 7—Twelfth Extra.
Saturday, November 21—Thirteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 5—Fourteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 19—Fifteenth Extra.

Cesarewitch Stakes On October 10

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES will have its first running on October 10, and the first prize is \$1,500 to the winner. Being an open handicap for all comers, the contest will no doubt attract many nominations and the result of this classic will serve as a good pointer for the two St. Leger's confined to Australian subscription ponies and griffins of this season.

Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League

SEVEN TEAMS will contest the championship in the Indian Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League, to commence on September 27-28, when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November.

The fixtures have been so arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:

Saturday, September 27—5th A.A. v. Hongkong Mule Corps; 12th R.A. v. H.K.S.R.A.; 2nd/14th Punjab v. 8th Regt. R.A.
Sunday, September 28—Rajput Regt v. 5th A.A.; R.A. v. H.K. Mule Corps; 12th R.A. v. H.K.S.R.A. v. 2nd/14th Punjab.

U. S. Charity Football

New York, Sept. 4. In professional football to-day the Giants defeated the Eastern Collegians last night 23-3 in the sixth annual charity game.—United Press.

The resumption of our fortnightly meetings will be marked by the introduction of three divisions in the Cantala Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs coupled with the inaugural contest, Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over a long distance of two and a quarter miles.

The innovation means another forward move in the interest of owners and the racing public, and it will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the punters.

Most Important

THERE is no space here to reproduce the ten interesting events of the September meeting, but the most important race on the card is the Australian Subscription Ponies' Autumn Plate confined to the Subscription-ponies of this season.

The weight to be carried by the candidates is 140 lb. with a pound penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes and the limit is a run over the champion course of one and a quarter miles. The winner is to receive \$1,500 while the second will get \$800 and the third prize is \$300.

The conditions of this classic event will inhibit the owner of United Express from entering his champion sub on account of the preposterous imposition of avoidups.

Probables

WE will have the entries for the above classic after the closing on Thursday, September 18, but in the meanwhile I append below a list of probable nominations with their respective weights:

| Stakes | Weight |
|-----------------|--------|
| Amulet Star | 1,300 |
| Araxy II | 1,400 |
| Surprising Time | 1,400 |
| Handy Returns | 1,400 |
| Black Seal | 1,300 |
| Bona Vacantia | 1,300 |
| Corral | 1,300 |
| Corsair | 1,300 |
| Dutch Treat | 1,300 |
| Endeavour | 1,300 |
| Happy Returns | 1,300 |
| Hole in One | 1,300 |
| Joan | 1,300 |
| Fun Gentling | 1,300 |
| King's Flight | 1,300 |
| Lex Forl | 1,300 |
| Malinsail | 1,300 |
| Manhattan | 1,300 |
| United Express | 1,300 |
| Never-never | 1,300 |
| Royal Sovereign | 1,300 |
| Santa-Anita | 1,300 |
| Victory | 1,300 |
| Wayworth | 1,300 |

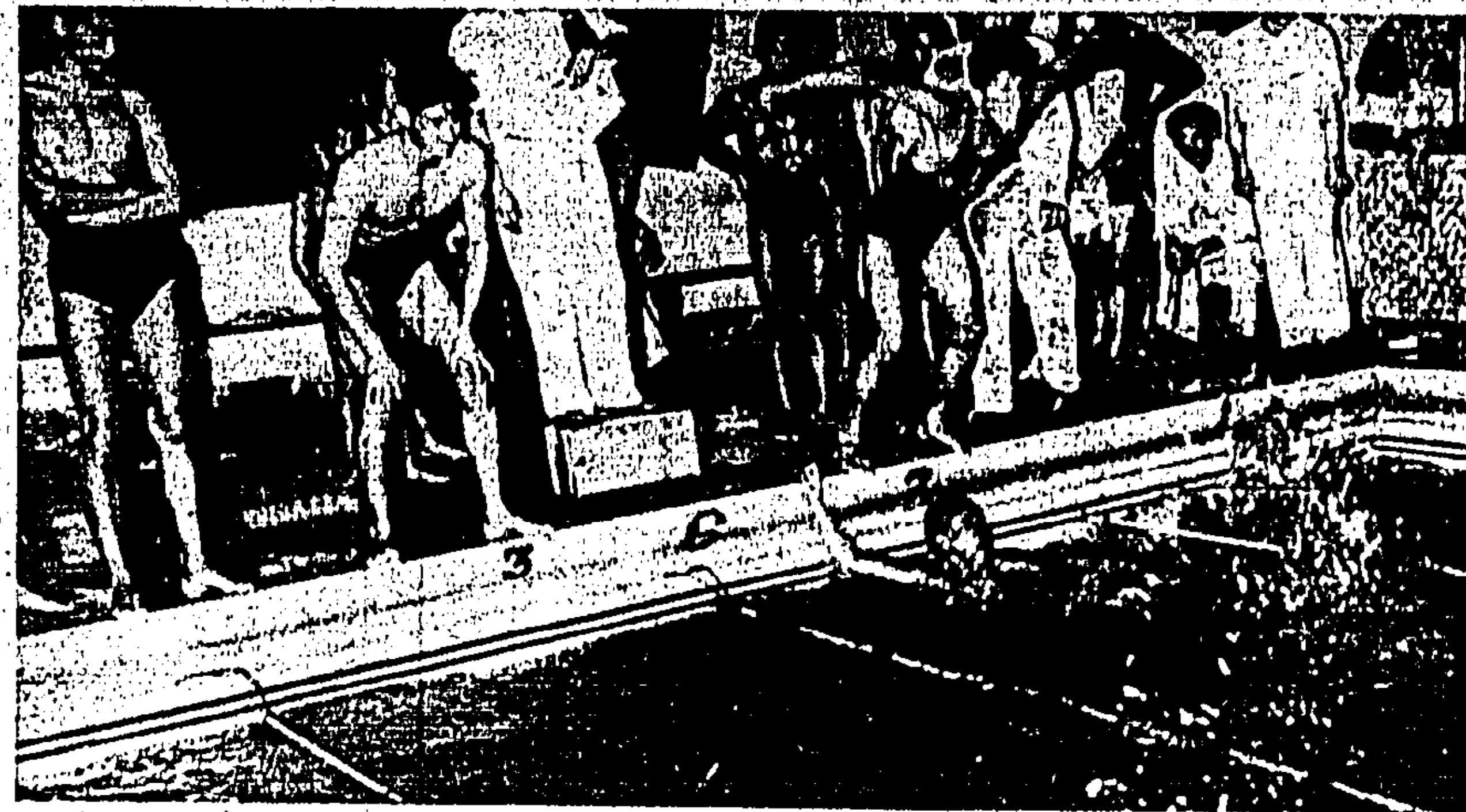
It will be seen from the above that United Express (if entered) has to shoulder 195 lb. over a middle distance run of 1 1/4 miles and it is interesting that the weight over the new scale for inches is a penalty of 43 lb.

It is without any question a terrific penalty, but one must not overlook the fact that the pony has had a good innings and has gained \$10,000 for the owner. I do not expect that it would be wasting the nomination fee \$3.

Other Heavies

ENDEAVOUR has also a heavy burden of 108 lb. to carry and the next in order comes Happy Returns with 104 lb. on her back. A Surprising Time has to tip the scales at 101 lb. while Malinsail has to draw 100 lb.

It is useless to discuss the prospects at this juncture, for the trainers have over a fortnight to trim the candidates. But the race will be full of interesting possibilities and it is not necessary to say that one may look forward to a big fight.



The 120 yards medley relay at the Lai Tsun-University gala last week-end. Kenneth Lo ready to take over for the breast-stroke, while Tsang Cheong-ming just diving off as Lau Yiu-ting touches.—Ming Yuen.

Bumper Entries Expected For Colony Aquatic Championships

Chan Chun-nam Ready To Defend His Titles

(By "Tinker")

THERE'S NOTHING NEW from swimming circles. The majority are awaiting the climax of the season—the Colony Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4.

The closing day for entries, by the way, is to-morrow. Heats will be held between September 9 and 13, but the order of events has not yet been decided. This will depend on entries.

But there promises to be a bumper entry this year. Conversation invariably turns in that direction, while Ng Nin and one or two others have already availed themselves of the facilities of the V.R.C. for practice.

The recent form of Chan Chun-nam, which happily shatters all rumour of unfitness, has raised anticipations of yet further records in the middle distances.

Twice within one week he bettered his Colony 440 time of last year, though it must be remembered that on both occasions he was swimming in the Chinese "Y" pool which is only 20 yards long.

The only other quarter-mile to approach within these times has been Yau Sai-kwan, youthful understudy of Chan who has also been doing extremely well throughout the year. Ng Nin was the great threat to most titles last year, but he found himself pressed by the crowded programme. This year different conditions exist. The heats and finals are spread over four weeks. There are only three main events on each of the four final days.

As regards the sprints, not only has Davis Hutchinson been out of the picture for quite some time, but

a new threat in Tsui Hing has come into being.

OF the women, most improved has been Celeste Gutierrez. Rumour, a close second, however, is Ho Wai-king of the Chinese Bathing Club. They will offer a challenge, but should not be able to beat Vivienne Churn over the 50 and 100 yards.

Miss Gutierrez should have little difficulty in taking the women's 220 and 440 yards free-style events.

Added to this trio will be Ko Miu-ling, of Lai Tsun, and Sa Wai-ying of the same Club—the latter, the back-stroke mermmaid. Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun and Li Po-luen, of South China, are the outstanding breast-stroke swimmers, though Vivienne Churn must be considered for the 50 yards.

Jackie Anderson has been "down" for two weeks with flu, and though she returns to training to-day it is a matter of opinion how much of her old form she can recover in the short time left.

WITH the Championships, the V.R.C. will conclude a successful season, one which has been above the average in ambition. Their best initiative was shown in the arrangement of the Inter-Schools gala last month.

The Club may be suffering from a lack of swimmers, but there's nothing wrong with their spirit.

St Leger Call-Over

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Latest call-over for the St Leger which is being run on September

26, was as follows:

6-1 (t & o) Owen Tudor, 12-2 (t).
6-1 (t & o) Chateau La Rose.
17-2 (t & o) Suncoast.
9-1 (t & o) Devonian.
100-9 (t & o) Royalist.
100-9 (t & o) Dakotawar.
100-4 (t & o) Lambert Simeon and Starwort.
20-1 (t & o) Orthodox and Ptolemy.
22-1 (t & o) Dancing Time.
22-1 (t & o) Felous.
22-1 (t & o) Feroze Din.
22-1 (t & o) Royal Academy.
100-1 (t & o) Ranger.

U.S. Tennis

Kovacs Enters Singles Semi-finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 3 (Reuter).—Frankie Kovacs, indoor champion, who is fancied to succeed McNeill, entered the U.S. National Tennis semi-finals by beating Jack Kramer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

The women's semi-finalists include Margaret Osborne and Pauline Betz. Miss Osborne, though not ranked in the first ten American tennis players, is enjoying a brilliant season and is capable of upsetting anybody. Miss Betz is now not favourite for the title, the winning of which would confirm the impression existing for several months that she is the outstanding player at present in American women's tennis.—Reuter.

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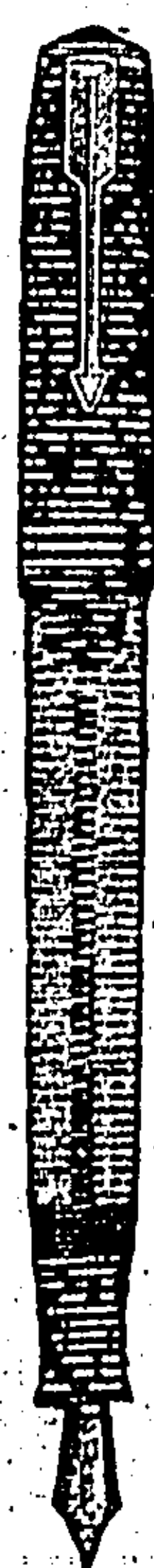
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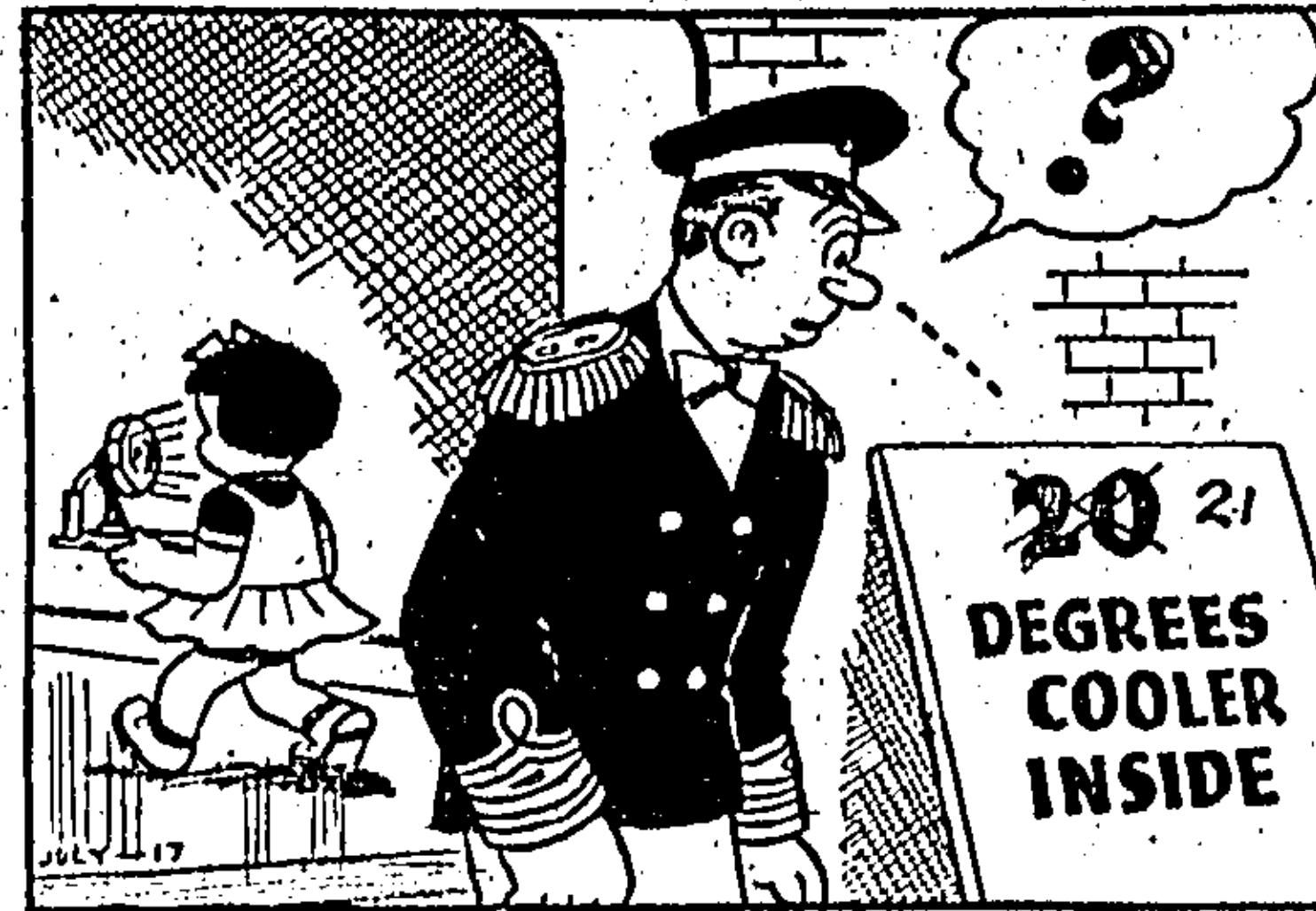
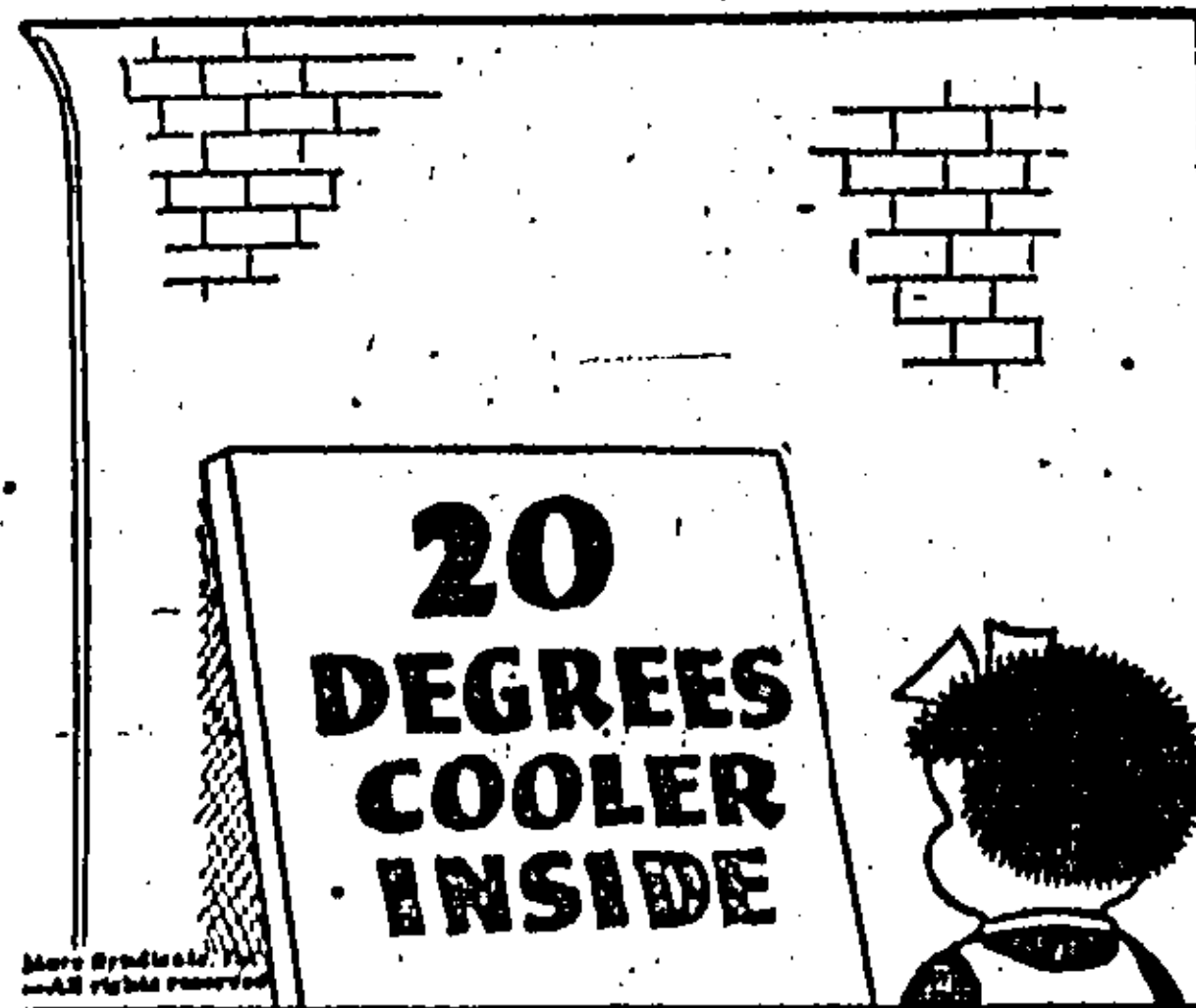
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Danger to South America Of German Colonists

Although appreciations vary as to the strength and danger of the "fifth column" in South America, there is unanimity among investigators regarding the changed political attitude of German colonists. All neutral accounts agree, and the "Christian Science Monitor's" correspondent's observations concur, that the younger generation, boys and girls normally destined to be satisfactory New World citizens, have come under the spell of racial propaganda since Hitler dominated the European continent.

Take the case of that strip of southern lakeland between Chile and Argentina. Since the first settlers three-quarters of a century ago, the German-speaking population, the majority on the Chilean side, has increased to nearly 200,000. The conduct of these colonists, especially young men and women of the fourth and fifth generations, intimates that a victorious Germany would convert them into a serious problem both for the states of which they are technical citizens and for Pan-American statesmanship concerned with continental security.

Investigators have not found the secret airports and arms depots, so often alleged, but they have met with the obnoxious Nazi-style comportment of young Germans wherever they have travelled, by train, omnibus or lake and river steamer. But a few years ago these youths would have gone out of their way, in conversation and conduct, to emphasise their New World citizenship.

Another palpable development is the utilization by young Germans of national organizations of actual and potential military value. They form the majority in the Boy and Girl Scout troops. They are also to the fore in the local rifle practice clubs, which are usually Government subsidised. The real native, whom you challenge on the subject in the town or village, is surprised at the question. For him it is just Don Federico or Don Carlos at his favourite sport.

Last month it was discovered at San Carlos de Bariloche that the Argentine Army actually lent Army trucks and miscellaneous equipment for two companies of Boy Scouts who turned out to be all German-speaking. Maj. Napoleon A. Irusta, who visited the Scouts' camp on Ultima Esperanza Island, in Lake Nahuel-huapi, received a surprise.

Argentine Flag Set "Lost"
Only German military music was played. The boys had service rifles and practised throwing heavy wooden balls which were obvious substitutes for hand grenades. The Argentine flag over headquarters was flown at half mast. This means "lost" in the language of Hitler organisations.

Similar exploitation of national organisations and equipment comes from southern Chile. Both the Buenos Aires and Santiago Governments, however, are alive to the dangers of the introduction of German technique and propaganda in these areas of settlement. They have been especially watchful of the educational establishments. More inspectors have appeared to test local instruction.

Ready To "Take Over"
Central authorities, although recognising psychological changes

Glamour Girl Killed

Eleanor (Cookie) Young, 23, first of the society Glamour Girls, and Nicholas Embiricos, 32, member of a Greek shipping family, were killed when his Fajrichild monoplane got lost in a fog and crashed into the breakers off Carpenter's Beach, Metanuck, Rhode Island.

A guest at the Newport home of Eleanor's father, Robert L. Young, chairman of the Allegheny Corp., Embiricos tried to fly blind to Roosevelt Field, Long Island, although his plane lacked the necessary instruments. According to eye witnesses, the ship circled the beach several times at an altitude of 100 feet before it hit the water.

Miss Young, who preceded Gloria Baker and Brenda Frazier, as the photographic favourite of society editors, made her debut at Newport in 1936. Later she eloped with one Robert O. Bacon. She was divorced from him in 1938.

Free French Flier, Condemned To Death, Gains Freedom

The adventure of a Free French flier captured in Abyssinia, sentenced to death by an Italian court-martial, and kept in a cell for six months until the British captured Dessie, has now been told.

One of many French officers who left Syria after the capitulation, he joined the De Gaulle forces and flew with the R.A.F. over Abyssinia.

When his plane was shot down by an Italian chaser he was the only survivor of three who were machine-gunned after being out.

The Italian military authorities told him he could not be treated as a prisoner of war and sent him to Addis Ababa criminal prison to face a charge of "military rebellion" under the Armistice Convention with Italy.

After sentence days passed without execution. During his six months in a cell he was allowed two hours' walk daily in the prison courtyard. Food consisted of maccaroni, with a little meat from time to time. The only person he could

talk to was the prison chaplain, who spoke French.

Governor's Insults

The prison governor invariably insulted him, calling him "Dirty pig" or "Traitor," and ordering him to salute him in the Fascist manner. His treatment became worse until a hurried transfer came to Dessie—two days before British troops entered Addis Ababa.

In Dessie prison, although conditions were worse still, he made friends with a native "rebel" who escaped to tell British officers of the Frenchman's plight.

Then, one morning, not the gaoler but a British officer opened the cell door. Walking out to liberty the French flier saw, now captive, his accusers at the court-martial which had sentenced him to death.

A CENTURY OF COOK'S

Travel Agency's Record Of Growth

The first excursion organized by Thomas Cook was a cheap railway trip from Leicester to Loughborough and back on July 5, 1841. It was an initial device to secure good attendance at a temperance meeting at Loughborough; for Thomas Cook, then aged 32, was an ardent teetotaler and secretary of the South Midland Temperance Association. So began the world-wide and world-famous travel agency which has attained its centenary.

"Success Story"

Thomas Cook's rise was in the best tradition of the Victorian "success story." Born in the village of Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, in a tiny cottage that still stands, he started work at the age of 10 as a gardener's boy. Later he learned the trade of wood-turning from an uncle and set up in business for himself at Market Harborough. The idea for that first excursion came to him during a walk of 15 miles into Leicester to attend a temperance gathering. So successful was the venture that he was kept busy arranging similar excursions for the next year or two. Launching out farther, in 1846 he conducted a party of 350 on a tour to Scotland. For the Great Exhibition of 1851 he carried 165,000 visitors to London from all parts of the British Isles.

In 1855 Thomas Cook made arrangements for thousands of visitors to the Paris Exhibition and so opened the way for his first Continental tour—a grand circular tour that included Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, and Paris. During the early sixties his Continental activities extended rapidly. In 1865, as he began to write later, "through many difficulties, I got my first party to Rome and Naples, and for several years our way was through brigand-infested districts, when military escorts protected us." The first round-the-world tour was made in 1872 by Thomas Cook himself, with his companions, which aroused such interest that The Times commissioned him to send a series of dispatches describing its progress.

Three Generations

Three generations of the Cook family have been associated with the growth of the business. The founder virtually retired in 1878 and died in 1892, in his eighty-fourth year, leaving the direction of affairs in the hands of his son, John Mason Cook, whose sons in their turn, after John Mason Cook's death in 1899, continued in control until 1924, in 1924 a private limited company was formed to administer the travel business, with a separate limited company to control the banking business.

To-day the firm's normal activities are performed much curtailed by the war, though continuing so far as possible both at home and among overseas branches. Nevertheless, one department of Thomas Cook and Son is exceedingly busy, having been officially charged with the transmission of letters from private individuals to and from enemy countries and enemy-occupied territories.

The beginning of the present war confronted the firm with the formidable task of repatriating large numbers of overseas tourists stranded in Great Britain, besides withdrawing British tourists from the Continent.

Prize Offer For Marine Invention

The Council of the Royal Society of Arts is offering a prize under the Thomas Gray Memorial Trust, the objects of which are "the advancement of the Science of Navigation and the Scientific and Educational Interests of the British Mercantile Marine."

A Prize of £50 will be awarded to any person who may bring to their notice an invention, publication, diagram, etc., which is in the opinion of the judges "considered to be an advancement in the science or practice of navigation, proposed or invented by himself in the period January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1941."

Entries which have already been considered by the judges in the years 1930-40 are not eligible for further consideration unless they have since been materially modified. The Council reserves the right of withholding the prize or of awarding a smaller prize if, in the opinion of the judges, no suitable invention is submitted, and in the event of more than one such improvement being approved, the Council reserves the right of dividing the amount into two or more prizes at its discretion.

The Council does not claim any rights in respect of any invention to which a prize may be awarded. Competitors must forward their proofs of claim, between October 1 and December 31, 1941, to the Secretary, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London W.C.2.

1940 Prize
In 1940 the Council offered a similar prize. Twenty-four entries were submitted, and the full prize of £50 was awarded to Mr. H. C. Walker, of Chesham, Surrey, for a device known as the "Portable Valve Lifeboat Equipment," a self-contained radio auto-transmitter, designed for the purpose of saving life at sea.

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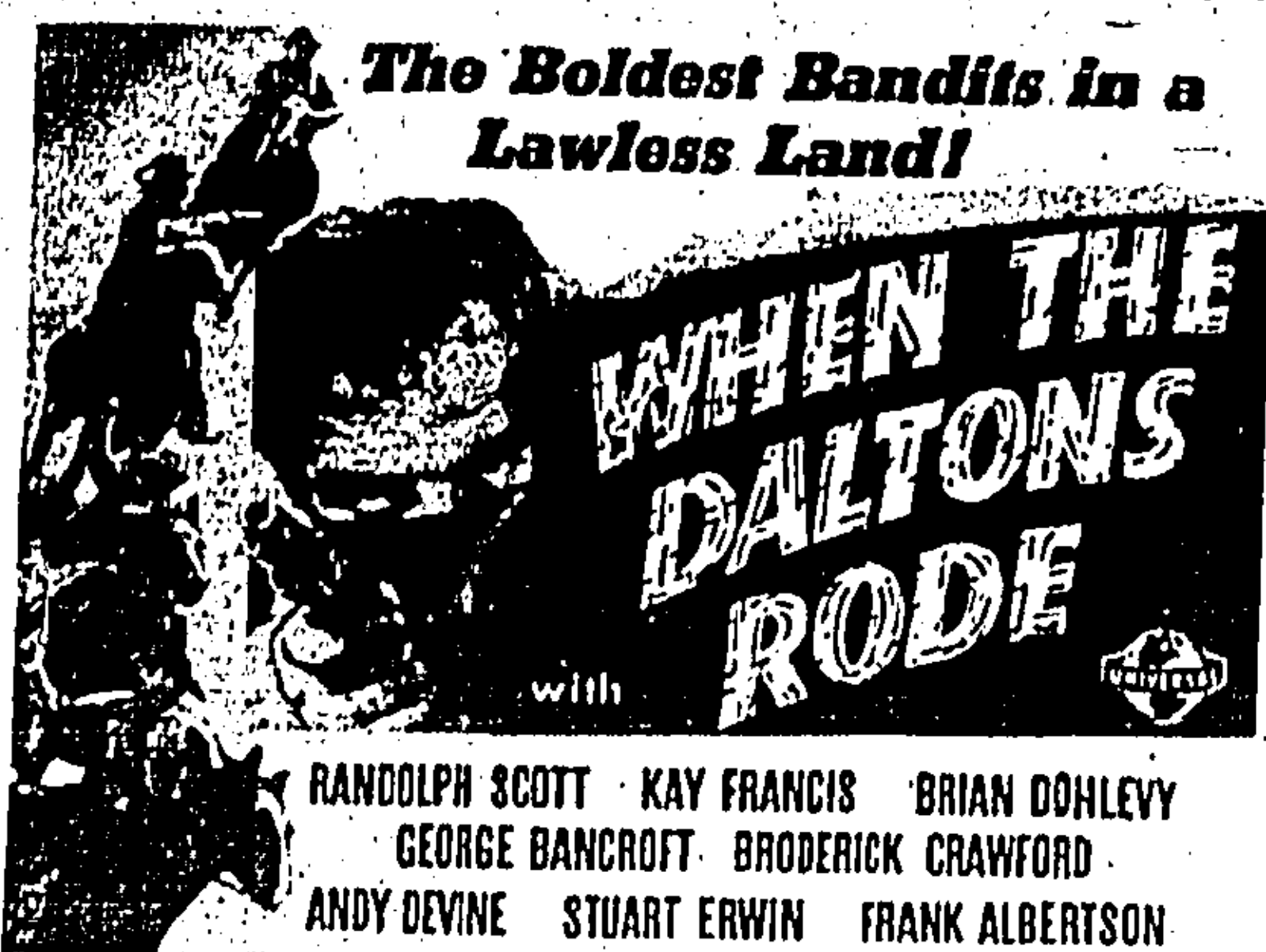
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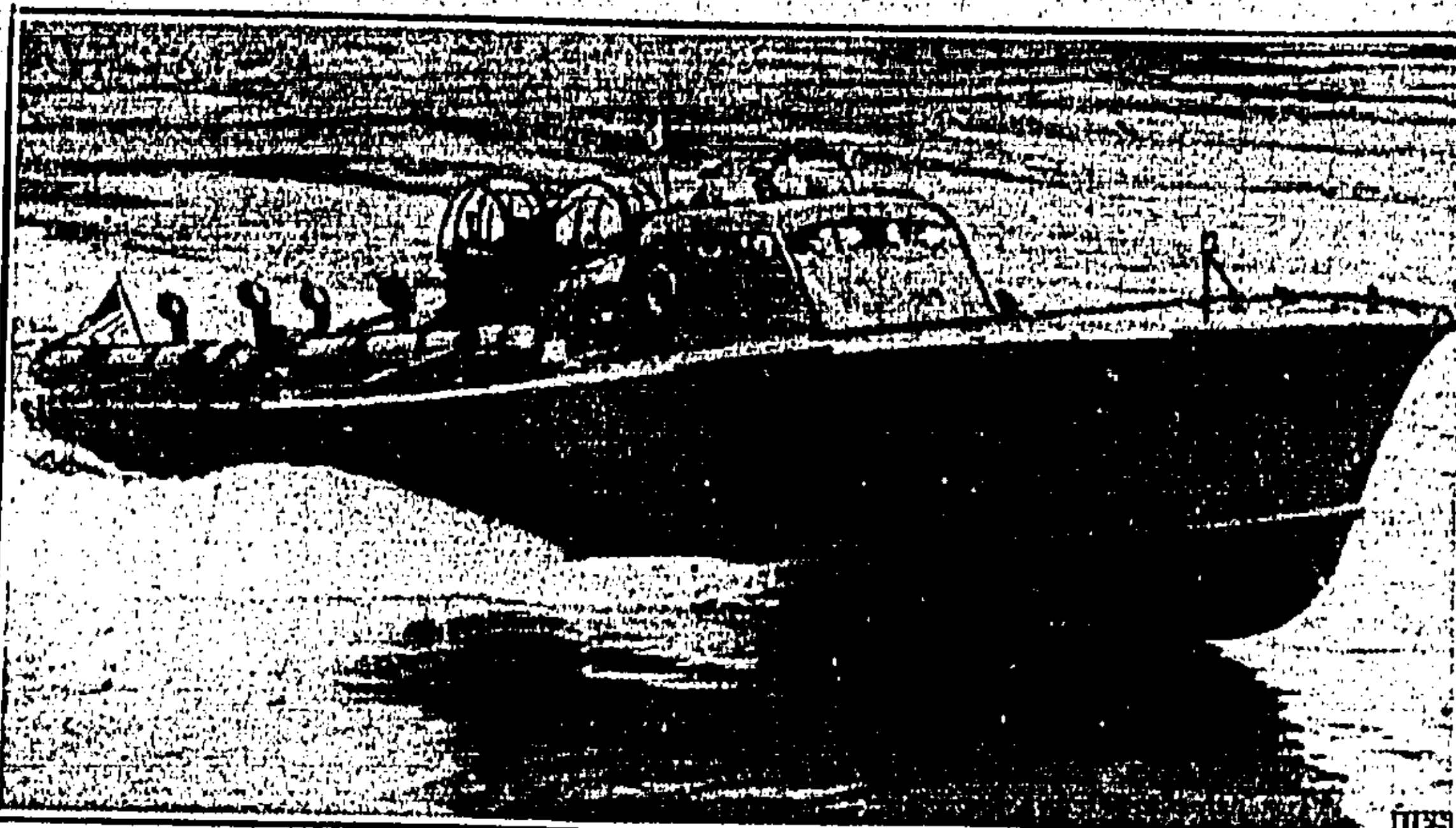
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Philippines Independence Not Possible If Axis Triumphs

Democracy will perish, civilisation will be lost in a permanent blackout and the independence of the Philippines will be an utter impossibility, if the Axis governments emerge victorious, declared Secretary Jorge Bocobo of the Philippines Department of Public Instruction, in a stirring speech at the convocation of the University of the Philippines recently.

Secretary Bocobo asserted that the happiness and destiny of the Philippines depend upon which side wins the war, and that it is for this reason that the nation is calling the youth of the land to military service.

Dr. Bocobo explained that if the Philippines is drawn into this war, the Filipino people would fight, not only out of loyalty to the United States, but also because by defending democracy, they would be upholding a cause that is historically their own. He said: "Filipino adherence to democracy dates back to 1812 when the Spanish constitution of Cadiz, which inaugurated the principle of popular sovereignty, gave the Philippines representation in the Spanish cortes."

Rizal's Fight
Dr. Bocobo warned that if the Axis governments win the present war, the horrible injustices which Rizal and his co-workers fought during the revolution would return. "The old 'Guardia Civil' would be renewed in the Gestapo; the tortures described in the 'Noli Me Tangere' would be reproduced in the concentration camps; the boast of racial superiority expressed in the insulting word 'Indio' would come back with the Argon contempt for the coloured races; and the tyrannical policies pursued for the 'glory of the mother country' would be revived for the sake of the 'new order in the world.'"

Secretary Bocobo asked: "Knowing all this, should not the Filipinos defend themselves against Axis aggression with all their soul and with all their might?"

Axis Brutality
Secretary Bocobo pictured how Axis brutality has shut the lights of civilisation in the German-occupied countries—"Poland, historic master in the cause of freedom; France, cradle of the rights of man; heroic Belgium; peaceful Norway, Holland and Denmark; Austria, victim of intrigue; Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, beloved children of the first world war; and Greece, limpid fountain of world culture."

Secretary Bocobo stated: "This reign of brute force; this jungle law must be stopped. This 'new order' which the Axis governments seek to establish is a reversal to the prehistoric cave-man's right of the stronger, the chaos of moral principles, the assertion of wrong over right."

After picturing the plight of small nations—how they have been wiped out and crushed by the iron heel of the Axis powers—Bocobo asked: "What assurance have we in the Philippines that we shall be spared by the overwhelming wheels of the Axis? Can any Filipino look upon the possible doom of Philippine independence with indifference?"

Filipino Hopes
Answering his own questions, Bocobo pointed out: "Only a fright-

ened mouse, a wretch concentrated all in self can stand by with apathy and indifference.

"We Filipinos will defend our native land unto death. The Philippines is a small, weak and poor country, but she lovingly holds our hearts forever with bonds that, though tender and tenuous, cannot be sundered by the mightiest navy or air armada. It is the fervent prayer of all Filipinos that out of the devastating fire of war, democracy and civilisation shall emerge triumphant, so that the Filipino people may, for uncounted ages to come, enjoy their own national freedom and existence."

FALL OF FOOCHOW EXPLAINED

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An attempt to explain the Japanese withdrawal from Fochow, the capital of Fukien Province and Treaty Port, is made by the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It says that there is no longer any strategic necessity for the continued occupation. It further remarks that Chinese citizens of Fochow have shown themselves capable of administering Japanese reforms themselves and adds that the Japanese withdrawal has "provided the world with a concrete case of respect for territorial integrity and sovereign rights such as the Atlantic Charter required."

Germans Abandon Many Positions

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maintains its communications with the rest of the country by means of various railways.

Nazis "Radio Victory"
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, today ridiculed the German radio claim of the capture of Bransk which he called a "radio victory."

Asked by "Reuter" whether other German attempts had been made to cross the Dnieper by pontoon similar to that recounted in the Soviet communique, M. Lozovsky admitted that a number of such attempts were made but that all failed.

He added that the Germans, on still distant approaches to Leningrad, were unable to advance and that they were obliged to rush up large reinforcements in order to maintain their positions.

Serious Obstacle To Nazis

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Berlin that they are not checking the German encircling movement based on Gomel and designed eventually to shut in Kiev.

Beyond claims of the establishment of bridgeheads on the lower Dnieper, reports reaching Berlin about the situation in the Ukraine are scanty. It is suggested, however, that there will very soon be news of the launching of a bit German offensive towards the important Donetz industrial region, which is considered more important than Kiev and Leningrad.

Finnish Claims
Besides claiming to have reached the former Soviet-Finnish frontier at all points on the Karelian Isthmus, Helsinki telegrams report an intensification of the drive towards the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in the northern part of the front. This drive seems to be based on three sectors in the "waist of Finland" where the railway runs nearest to the Finnish frontier.

The capture of Salpa, Kuusamo and Uhtu in this area is claimed by the Finns. These places were ceded to the Soviet Union after the winter war of 1940.

It is added that the Finns have now reached their old frontier everywhere except in the Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic Ocean.

LATE NEWS

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China Association Reviews Far East
In its report on the year 1940-41, presented at the annual meeting in London on July 15, the China Association states:

The framework of last year's annual report and those of the three preceding years will not fit the events of 1940-1941. They are too big and too dramatic to be made either subservient or subsidiary to military and economic events in China. To say that is not to underestimate the importance of the latter, which throughout the year remained great. It is a question of transposing rather than re-evaluating them.

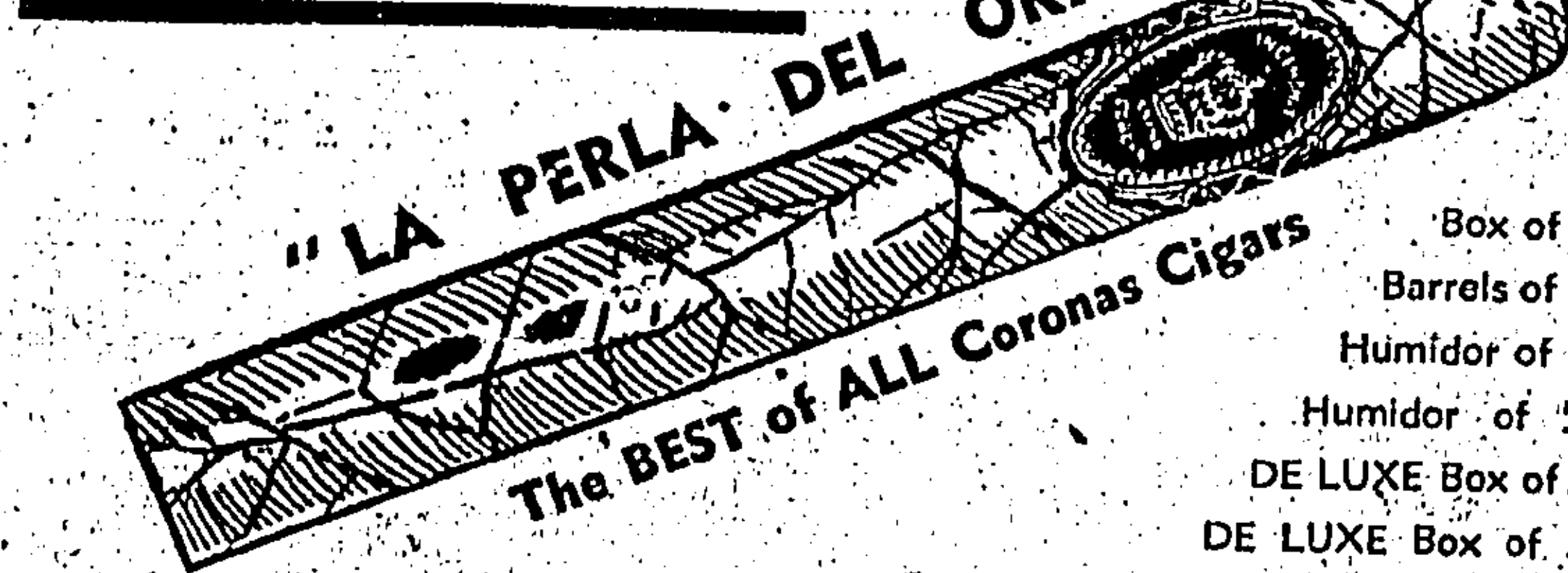
An arrangement differing from that of preceding reports must accordingly be given to the past year's story. The circumstances which must first be thrown into relief are:

(1) "Anglo-Japanese relations from a little before the 'arrangement' relating to local issues at Tientsin to the reopening of the Elgin Road, i.e. from about April 10 to October 8, 1940;
(2) "Japanese-American relations during the same period. (Were the two sets of relations shown graphically our 'low spots' would be balanced by their 'high' ones, as it is hoped to make clear);
(3) "Japan's relations with the Axis and Russia;
(4) "Japan's southward movement;
(5) "Russia's Far Eastern policy; and
(6) "As a result of (3), (4) and (5), the gradual constitution of an Anglo-American Far Eastern front: the conversion of Anglo-American parallelism into alignment.
A very lengthy review follows, outlining the Far Eastern situation as governed by the aforementioned factors. A brief reference to Hong Kong comments on the comparative prosperity of this Colony despite the disturbed conditions as shown by trade statistics.

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GERMANS ABANDONING MANY POSITIONS ON SOVIET FRONT Invaders' Casualties Estimated At 1,750,000

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 4 (UP).—THE NEWSPAPER "IZVESTIA" TO-DAY REPORTED A SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL LOCAL COUNTER-ATTACKS ON THE WEST FRONT BUT DID NOT INDICATE THE POSITIONS. IT SAID THAT THE GERMANS ARE ABANDONING ONE POSITION AFTER ANOTHER AFTER FIERCE RESISTANCE.

LAST TUESDAY, THE GERMANS TRIED TO HALT THE RUSSIANS AND STAGED A "PSYCHIC ATTACK." THEY THREW IN TWO PICKED BATTALIONS LED BY AN ORCHESTRA, DRUMS AND CYMBALS. THE RUSSIANS LET THEM ADVANCE IN DIRECT FORMATION THEN OPENED HEAVY MACHINEGUN FIRE, CHARGED WITH BAYONETS AND WIPED OUT BOTH COMPANIES.

This Morning's A.R.P. Inquiry

Interrogation Of Mr W. F. Carman

Mr W. F. Carman, manager of Marsman Hongkong China Ltd., who previously gave evidence on the contract his company obtained from Government for the construction of air raid tunnels, was again examined this morning when the inquiry into certain matters connected with the Architectural Branch of the A.R.P. Department was resumed.

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Britain Disturbed By Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Minister of Information, Mr. Brendan Bracken to-day issued an open invitation to United States Senators and Representatives to visit England themselves and convince themselves regarding the British war effort and the use of United States materials.

The invitation indicated the concern which has been felt recently in England over firstly, charges in the United States that the British war effort is lagging and war materials misused; secondly, that opinion in the United States is becoming increasingly divided, particularly since the Russo-German war with a result that there has been a considerable slackening in American enthusiasm to aid in defeating Hitler.

No Peace Mission

Asked whether a visit by a delegation of American legislators to England and Germany might not assume the proportions of a peace mission, Mr. Bracken declared, "There can be no question of our ever using any intermediary for peace. We are fully confident of our power to destroy Nazi tyranny and want no peace-mongers. There is no question of peace as long as Hitler and his bunch of gangsters disturb the peace of the world. He has occupied a lot of nations in Europe and there is no question that if he had his say, he would occupy a lot of States on the American Continent. But he won't have his say."

U.S. Warship Attacked By Sub. In Atlantic

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U.P.).—The United States destroyer Greer, 1,100 tons, has been attacked by a submarine while en route to Iceland with mail.

The destroyer dropped depth charges in retaliation. These facts are revealed in an official communique issued by the Navy Department, which reads: "The U.S. destroyer Greer, en route to Iceland with mail, reported this morning that a submarine at-

M. Lozovsky to-day declared that Leningrad itself had not been raided owing to its good defences, though numerous attempts had been made to subject the city to aerial bombing.

He dismissed the German report that Briansk had been taken and again denied reports of Soviet-Finnish peace negotiations.

He said that the position at Odessa had considerably improved in view of the immense Rumanian losses which had created the possibility of permanent Soviet counter-attacks.

Germans Halted

M. Lozovsky claimed that the Red Army had halted the Germans on the Leningrad front, compelling them to bring up reinforcements in order to maintain their old positions for which an "immense and sanguinary battle is going on day and night."

He said that the battle between Novgorod and Leningrad led by Marshal Voroshilov continued unabated.

German propaganda that Leningrad was almost taken was pure fantasy. It was Goebbels and not the Wehrmacht that had almost

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DUEL FOR TURKEY'S TRADE

Britain And Germany Seek Predominance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Sept. 4 (UP).—Preliminary skirmishes are already under way in the bitter Anglo-German struggle for Turkish trade which is scheduled to begin the middle of next week when Herr Karl

Clodius, the German economic expert, arrives here to negotiate a new German-Turkish trade pact which has been planned ever since the German-Turkish non-aggression pact was signed. Clodius, who successfully ousted the British and rammed down German economic domination on every Balkan nation, is expected to seek to put a sweeping agreement without any limit on paper, despite the current German difficulty in delivering goods.

British Effort

German circles had hoped that the talks would coincide with the smashing of the Soviets, but still anticipate a propagandistic demonstration which will open the way for new German political pressure similar to the Clodius oil deal deals with Rumania early in 1939.

Meanwhile, a United Kingdom corporation and other Britons are launching the biggest trade drive here since the war began and the largest quantity of British imports ever to reach Turkey in one month is expected during September. The Germans may find some crops bought up and the United States will continue to take all the Turkish output of chrome which the Germans covet.

LATEST

H.K. Man's Escape From Nazis

News of a former Hongkong resident's escape from a prisoner of war camp is contained in a brief cable message just received in the Colony.

He is Mr John R. Greaves, formerly of Messrs M. Bernah and Company, and serving with the Australian Imperial Force. Wounded during the drive on Bardia in December last, he was sent, after recovery, with his unit to Greece, in April.

After the retreat of the British forces from Greek territory, Greaves was reported to be among the missing. No indication as to his fate or that of other members of his unit had been received until now. According to a message from the Australian authorities, he is reported to have successfully escaped and is safe and well.

Premier's Report To Parliament

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—When Parliament resumes after the short summer recess, the Prime Minister intends to make a full statement to the House of Commons on the war situation.

He will deal among other matters with his meeting with President Roosevelt at sea which resulted in the formulation of the Atlantic Charter, the position of affairs in Russia and the question of Anglo-American aid, the situation in Iran and the Middle East.

There have been suggestions that the question of aid to Russia should be debated in a secret session but this does not find any support in Government circles, where it is felt that whatever can be said on the subject should be said in public.

Britain Calling Up All Her Manpower

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—It is very reliably reported that the army had issued a call for more manpower during the past two months and this will continue throughout the winter to expand the forces to maximum power, as the Germans are reducing their garrisons in France, Holland and Belgium due to the great losses on the Russian front.

They asserted that there is nothing unusual in the call-up by the army which is continually proceeding. No special orders for a massive call-up have been issued, but the Government is proceeding on the principle that not a fit man will enjoy being in the reserve category if his job can be filled by a woman, and it was for this reason that the Government recently issued a call for 500,000 women to replace fit men in factories.

This will release an equivalent number of men and swell the British army which is unofficially estimated at 4,000,000 including 1,500,000 Home Guards which are considered more than ample to defend the British Isles.

Thus, the constant reinforcement in the future is considered as paving the way for "an army of invasion," possibly on the Continent next spring at the earliest.

It is pointed out that the expanding British army will be the only striking force intact and equipped with the most modern weapons next spring. Registered British manpower including those aged 40 is estimated to be 425,000 but the Government is only calling up for the army those men who can be dispensed with in their occupations, as well as those essential to industries who can be replaced by women.

H.E. Sir Geoffry Northcote



Governor departs To-morrow

It is announced that His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will make their official farewells at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), on which occasion they will also be glad to see any friends not otherwise invited. All are asked to be at the Pier not later than 9.25 a.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will leave Government House shortly before 9.30 a.m. and proceed to the Pier via Garden Road, Queen's Road, Jackson Road and Connaught Road. They will be preceded by a motor cycle escort of the Hongkong Police; the route will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic by the Police.

On arrival at Queen's Pier His Excellency will inspect a Guard of Honour provided by the First Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. After inspecting the Guard of Honour, His Excellency and Lady Northcote will say farewell to those assembled on Queen's Pier and then embark on the Governor's barge. As the barge leaves Queen's Pier, a salute of 17 guns will be fired by the Royal Navy from H.M.S. Tamar.

Thai-Indo-China

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—According to a Saigon telegram, Thailand has notified the Japanese members of the Border Demarcation Committee that the withdrawal of Thai troops from that zone on the Indo-China frontier which is to be demilitarised has been completed.

ENEMY CONVOY RAIDED

One Ship Sunk And Three Damaged

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A successful attack by the Fleet Air Arm on an enemy convoy is recorded in an R.A.F. communique. It says that the convoy consisted of five merchantmen with an escort of seven destroyers, and it was attacked east of Cape Spartivento (Sardinia).

The attack was made during the night of September 2-3. A large merchantman was hit by a torpedo and blew up in a column of smoke rising 9,000 feet. Another large ship was hit by a torpedo and damaged, and two smaller vessels in the convoy were damaged.

The attack was achieved in complete surprise and caused great disorder. Destroyers apparently fired on their own ships, some of which narrowly avoided collision with each other.

Over Land

During the same night, the Fleet Air Arm dropped a number of bombs on Sicilian aerodromes at Comiso and Gerbini. One enemy aircraft going in to land was attacked from close range and was hit, while an enemy three-engine aircraft was shot down in flames over Gerbini. British aircraft machine-gunned both aerodromes from a low height. R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked Derna, Gazala and Bardia during the night of September 2-3. TURN to Back Page, Column 5

ITALIAN SUB. SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of an Italian submarine by the British cruiser Hermione is reported in an Admiralty communique. It says that the Hermione, (Captain G. N. Oliver, R.N.) recently sighted an Italian U-boat on the surface shortly before dawn. While the cruiser altered course and increased to full speed, the enemy attempted to "dash-dive" but the Hermione cut the U-boat in half, carrying a portion of the wreckage away on her bows. There were no survivors from the U-boat.

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DOLL COLLECTION

Mrs Alice Verena Knight, of Coudon, Surrey, travelled all over the world collecting dolls of every kind in national costume. It was her wish that when she died the dolls should give pleasure to others. In her will just published, she left them to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Mrs Knight left £3,000.

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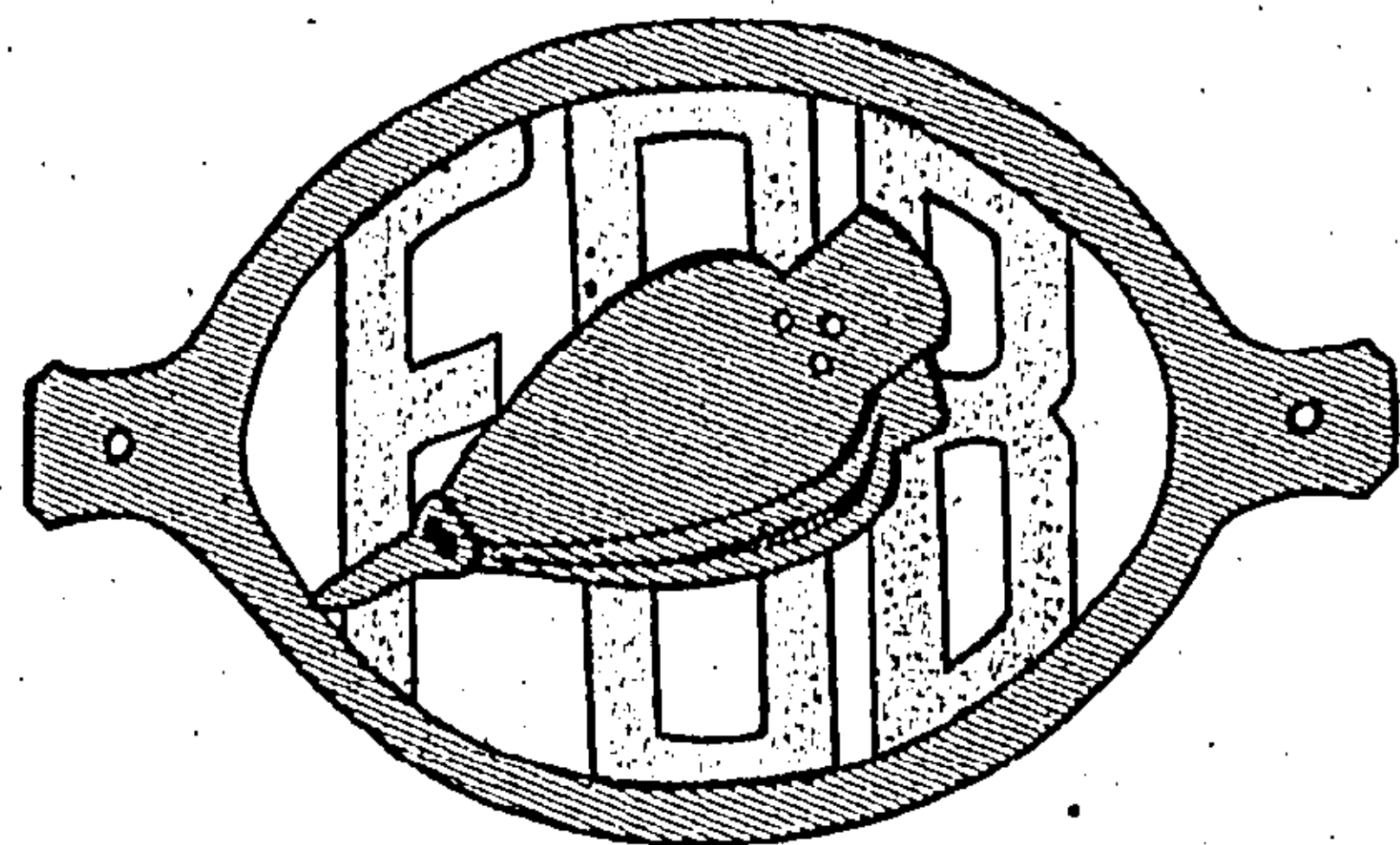
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JAPANESE SHIPS COLLIDE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
HAKODATE, Sept. 5 (Domei).—The 5,230-ton Tokusan Maru of the Osaka Tomoye Kisen Kaisha collided yesterday afternoon with the 5,291-ton Koki Maru of the Yokohama Hashimoto Kisen Kaisha off Airo Point on the eastern Saghalien coast, according to distress messages received by the Government wireless station here.

The 695-ton salvage ship Nasu Maru of the Japan Salvage Association reported that it reached the two ships. The Tokusan Maru is listing dangerously while the Koki Maru is not in danger.

The 127-ton Mamiya Maru of the North Japan Kisen Kaisha wirelessed that she was trapped her way through a dense fog and expected to reach the distressed vessels early last night.

Air, Land Attacks On Tobruk

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (UP).—A general headquarters communiqué states that two enemy air bombing and one machinegun attack were made on Tobruk on Wednesday but no damage was done.

"Several fires were observed in enemy positions in the frontier area. The enemy attempted low-flying machinegun attacks which resulted in losses to the enemy but no casualties or damage to the British."

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale | Locality | Boundary Measurements | Contents in Feet | Area in Acres | Approx. Value |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Lot 1, Mong Kok, New Kowloon | 100 ft. by 100 ft. | 10,000 sq. ft. | 0.23 | \$1,000 |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,167.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale | Locality | Boundary Measurements | Contents in Feet | Area in Acres | Approx. Value |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2 | Lot 2, Shamshui, New Kowloon | 100 ft. by 100 ft. | 10,000 sq. ft. | 0.23 | \$1,000 |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,798.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

Mussulman Makes Stand

PATNA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Following the recent resignations from the Viceroy's Executive Council by Muslim members, a stand has been made by Sir Sultan Ahmed who, on the eve of assuming office as a member of the Council, said: "In accepting the offer of the Viceroy to succeed Sir Muhammad Zafrullakhan, I did nothing that is at all a contravention of the decision of the Muslim League, for I am even now convinced that I have done nothing which would be in the least prejudicial to the best interests of Mussulmans in India."

Sir Sultan Ahmed contended that his appointment which was necessitated by the resignation of Muhammad Zafrullakhan, was wholly unconnected with any scheme of expansion of the Executive Council.

Myron Taylor

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, left by Clipper to-day for Lisbon en route to Rome, having been accompanied from a severe illness that has lasted several months.

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| T.T. Manila | 40 1/2 |
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| T.T. Bangkok | 100 |
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Major Baseball

Cardinals Twice Beaten In Twin-Bill

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (UP).—What Brooklyn Dodgers could not do for themselves in yesterday's program of baseball matches in the National League, St. Louis Cardinals did for them to-day. Dodgers failed to take the lead in the National circuit yesterday when they lost the second game of a double-header with Philadelphia, but the Cardinals went under twice to Chicago to-day and put the Dodgers at the top of the table.

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Team | W-L |
| St. Louis Cardinals | 10-2 |
| Brooklyn Dodgers | 9-3 |
| Chicago Cubs | 8-4 |
| Cincinnati Reds | 7-5 |
| St. Louis Cardinals | 6-6 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 5-7 |
| Cleveland Indians | 4-8 |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 3-9 |
| San Francisco Giants | 2-10 |
| Washington Senators | 1-11 |

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York Yankees clinched the American pennant with a 6-5 win over Boston Red Sox.
New York Yankees: 6-10-1
Boston Red Sox: 5-11-2
Detroit Tigers: 4-12-3
Cleveland Indians: 3-13-4
Philadelphia Athletics: 2-14-5
Chicago White Sox: 1-15-6
St. Louis Browns: 0-16-7

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

| BANKS | |
|---------------------|----------|
| H.K. Banks | 1,450 n. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K.) | 78 1/2 |
| H.K. Banks (H.K.) | 85 n. |
| Chartered Bank | 93 1/2 |
| Mercantile, A. & B. | 2 1/2 |
| Mercantile C. | 1 1/4 |
| East Asia | 76 n. |

| INSURANCES | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Canton Ins. | 230 n. |
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American-Mexican Disputes Disappear

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Real progress in negotiating a stabilisation loan to Mexico is being made, according to an announcement made by the United States Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Henry Morgenthau, who added that these were simple negotiations on which he could comment.

The opinion is that this tends to confirm reports that similar loans are being negotiated with Ecuador, Colombia and possibly other Latin-American countries.

The stabilisation loan would bolster Mexican currency and would apparently be made simultaneously with the settlement of the expropriation question.

In this connection, the "Journal of Commerce" reports that the formula for a settlement of the expropriation controversy calls for payment of \$9,000,000 down to American oil companies and further instalments chiefly in the sales of oil at 20 per cent. below the prevailing market price.

Settlement Terms
The Journal adds that the settlement of the oil question, which has been presented to the interested companies for acceptance, will be part of a comprehensive agreement involving a stabilisation loan of \$30,000,000 and a \$30,000,000 Export-Import Bank credit for expansion in the production of strategic materials and purchase of military supplies.

A high official indicated that most of the major differences had been ironed out and that an agreement may be announced in a week or a month.

With Soviets In Iran
"Reuter's" Special Correspondent with the advanced Russian Forces in Iran, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The quiet little market town of Kasvin, 100 miles north-west of Teheran and Persia's capital, has been the scene of a well-ordered Soviet formation marching with fixed bayonets through the streets, and the rumble of trucks loaded with troops smartly seated in rows as though at a ceremonial parade.

Sentries guard oil pumps, the power plant, General Headquarters and other important points of this outpost of the Soviet occupying forces.

What is significant is that Russia can spare so much equipment and so many men as are in evidence here for her advance into Iran. Here they have tanks, carefully preserved from prying eyes, heavily armed, howitzers drawn by tractor and trucks, and anti-aircraft lorries mounting heavy triple-barrelled pom-poms.

Lunch With General
Yet despite their air of ruthless strength, these are not the first line troops. Our party of three war correspondents and a tank officer met the General commanding these Soviet troops at headquarters.

Immediately we arrived, half a dozen bottles of vodka were produced and we sat down to lunch with staff senior commanders.

The meal progressed, we drank progressively more, we drank to the Russian army, the British Army, Mr. Stalin, Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt, damnation to Hitler, and our next meeting in Berlin.

Officers regarded Hitler's attacks on the Soviet Russia as a fatal blunder, and the possibility of their being unable to hold the advance of their armies did not seem to occur to them.

British Advance

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (UP).—The defence press department to-day announced that British troops have advanced some 400 miles into western and nearly 200 miles into southwestern Iran.

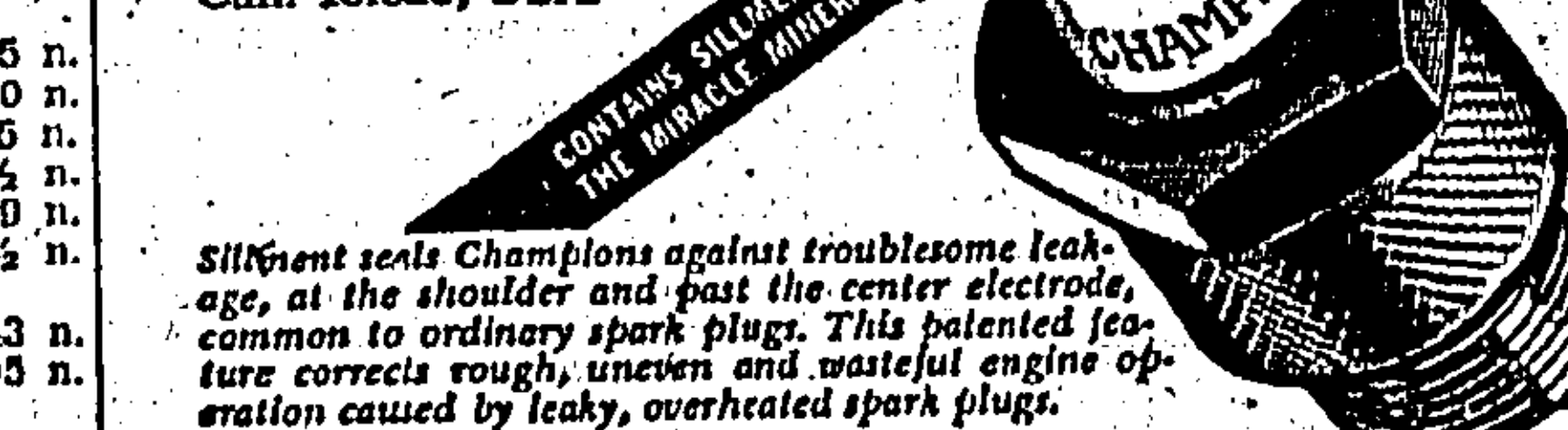
Plane Production In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Altogether 1,854 military aircraft were delivered in August by military aircraft manufacturers in the United States.

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Yuen Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.
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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechwan, Kweichow, Hunan, Kiangsu, Anhwei, and Kwangtung.

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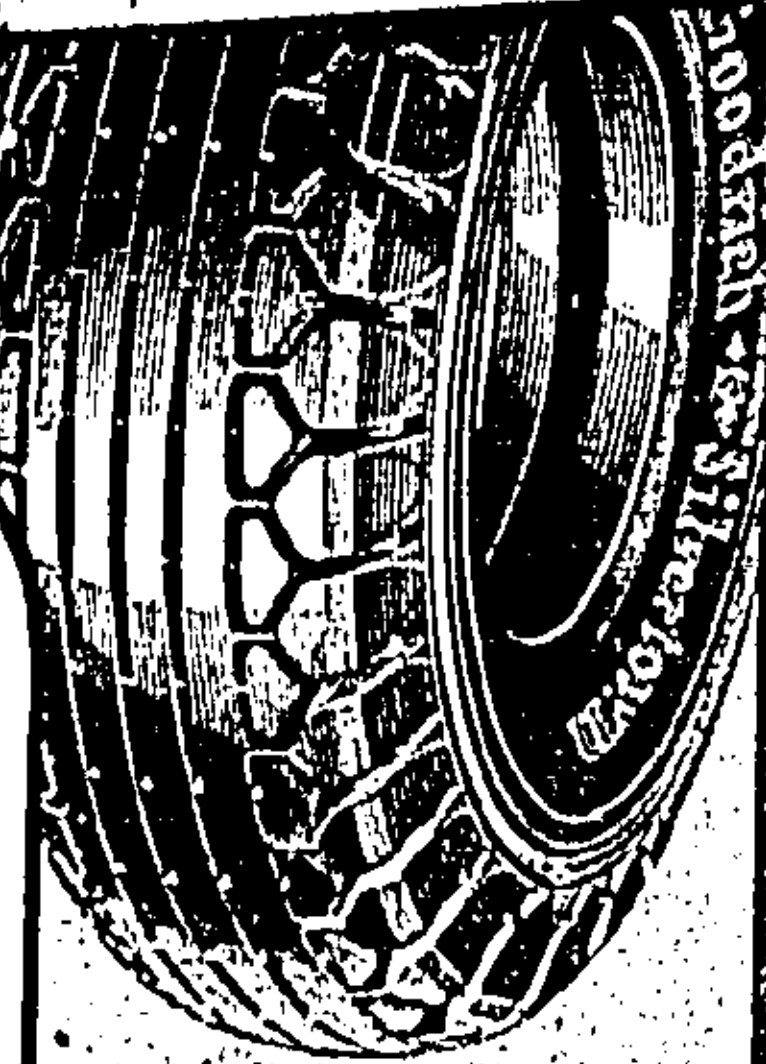
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MOTIF OF VICTORY

BEETHOVEN did not know the Morse code. But he wrote in it. By the sheerest and yet most appropriate coincidence possible, he employed as a rhythmic pattern in the first movement of his Fifth Symphony what any telegrapher would recognize as the Morse symbol for the letter V.

There are two coincidences here, one of them obvious and of no importance. The letter V is the Roman equivalent of the figure 5, but what matters more is that V has become in France and other occupied countries a symbol of ultimate victory over the Nazi terror. It is written on walls and elsewhere to catch the eye of Nazi overseers. It is ubiquitous. So many V's have appeared as to suggest some sort of underground organisation.

Now, like an increasingly unruly child, V is not only going to be seen but heard. For victims of Nazi ambition are now learning to spell it out in dots and dashes: dot-dot-dot-dash. They can even sing or whistle it, to the first four notes of the world's most familiar symphony. If Frenchmen do this as often as sentiment prompts they will reproduce most of the symphony's first movement, which is based on a constant reiteration of dot-dot-dot-dash motifs, one set overlaying another in crescendos sometimes expressive of an increasing fury, as of suppressed peoples.

The Nazis may find themselves in a veritable vortex of sounds dearly familiar to German ears but ill attuned to Nazi theories. Beethoven would never have been a Nazi. The story of his disillusion with Napoleon is twice told: how the composer had dedicated his "Eroica" Symphony to the military genius of the French Revolution only to destroy the dedication page when Napoleon began to act like a Hitler.

Beethoven would have been more impressed with Nazi ventures. One feels he would be glad to know that the motif of "fate knocking at the door," with which his Symphony V opens, has been turned into a motif of the inevitable knocking minously on doors and windows wherever Nazi oppressors pass by.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

PEASANTRY: KEY TO CHINA'S FUTURE

By Hugh Deane

War has brought numerous complications to the Chinese scene—stresses and strains which are vital to an understanding of the political situation in the country. At Chungking and in the interior, Mr Deane, who wrote for the "Christian Science Monitor," has had ample opportunity to watch these developments.

The growing divergence between the status of the peasantry in the guerilla areas of North China, where the Communists are powerful, and the status of the peasantry in Kuomintang-controlled Central and South China, is regarded by many observers as one of the major conditioning factors of Chinese politics. Many see in it an underlying cause of the recent clashes between the Kuomintang and the Communists, and consider it one of the most important problems which a victorious China would have to face.

These observers point out that in the long run the peasantry has always been the most powerful determinant of Chinese politics. Throughout Chinese history, when economic conditions became intolerable, a rising tide of peasant rebellions revealed that the "heavenly mandate" of the ruling dynasty had been exhausted. The leaders of the revolt would ultimately succeed in establishing a new dynasty, and the process of reconstruction and change would again commence to unfold.

Streamlined Version

A streamlined version of an old-style peasant rebellion is now going on in north China, slightly disguised as guerilla warfare. Rebellion was implicit in the situation caused by the war. The Japanese invasion released a revolt which had long been smouldering. The very fact that the North China peasant took up arms to defend his village changed his status and made him an unconscious bearer of the torch of agrarian revolution. For when the peasant guerillas began to fight they began to demand reforms to fight for. At the very beginning the leadership of the peasants was acquired by the Communists and such groups as the Shansi Sacrifice League and the National Salvationists.

Agrarian Movement

Chinese Communism is quite essentially an agrarian movement. The Communists have brought the North China peasantry new and improved techniques of struggle—techniques which the Reds acquired during 10 years of civil war. By a shrewd guerilla warfare the Japanese control of North China has been confined to the big cities and towns and lines of communication. The hinterland has remained in the hands of the guerillas.

The effect of Communist leadership has been to convert typical sporadic peasant uprisings into a widespread, integrated guerilla war capable of being waged for years. Despite the gloomy predictions of many military experts, the guerillas have already been in the field for three and a half years, and Japanese reports from North

China admit that the "Red-banded" are more firmly entrenched than ever.

The basis of the guerilla movement in North China has been a number of political and economic reforms calculated to attract the loyalty of the peasants. Guerilla governments have been established—the largest of them, the Shansi-Hopei-Charhar Border Government, controls the rural areas of 90 hsien (counties) with a population of 10,000,000—in which the peasants have been accorded certain democratic rights. The village chiefs and local hsien councils are elected by the peasants, which some observers hold to be an important experiment in democracy. The widespread organisation of peasant unions, furthermore, has given the peasantry a new source of political power. In the Shansi-Hopei-Charhar Border Region alone 1,000,000 peasants are reported to have been unionised.

Moderate Programme

A moderate agrarian programme based on that of Sun Yat-sen has been carried out. A 25 percent reduction in rent, a cardinal point in Sun's programme, has been widely enforced. Land belonging to landlords occupied areas has been divided up among the poor peasants. The authorities have encouraged the establishment of agricultural and industrial co-operatives, which have developed far more in guerilla areas than elsewhere.

While North China's semi-feudal society cannot be said to have been altered fundamentally, the peasantry has acquired increased political power.

The main significant changes in the status of the peasants in

Central and South China have come as a result of the inflation. The cheapening of the currency has enabled debt-ridden peasants to pay up. The general effect of the inflation, however, has not been to cause a basis for reform but to fortify the status quo. In the first place, the vast majority of peasants produce only enough for subsistence and rent—in a semi-feudal economy the rent automatically approximates what the peasant produces above what his family requires to subsist—and the value of money, therefore, is of relatively little importance. Secondly, while fewer peasants are reduced to tenancy, few are able to improve their position by purchasing land, for land values are equal to or above the general price level.

In another respect inflation has affected the peasantry adversely—it has decreased the supply of cheap credit. In recent years the Central Government has established thousands of rural credit societies to supply peasants with loans at an annual interest of about 10 percent—low compared with rates obtainable from money-lenders which average 25 or 30 percent.

But it was found that even at best the credit available was insufficient to go around and much of the money went to well-to-do peasants or landlords who lent it at usurious rates—a sample survey in Shensi revealed that only 2 per cent of cheap credit went to tenants, who need it most. Faced with inflation and more urgent financial demands, the Government last fall decreed that funds allocated for rural credit would be reduced. And because of the inflation more credit is needed than formerly. Before the war each mow of land (a mow is one-sixth of an acre) required about \$15

capital a year; now each mow requires about \$150. Unless counteractive measures are adopted, experts have warned, the credit shortage will ultimately entail a decline in agricultural production.

About 50 per cent of Chinese peasants are tenants, 25 per cent part-tenants and 25 per cent independent owners. Most (and the best) land is owned by a small group of landlords, who are powerfully represented in the Kuomintang.

Before the war high rent, exorbitant taxes and usurious interest rates, coupled with floods, drought and the disastrous effects of the world depression, generated a marked trend to concentration of land ownership and tenancy. An increasing amount of land went out of cultivation, and China, reputedly a great agricultural country, had to import rice. Thousands of peasants were forced off the land—a source of cheap labour in the cities, of banditry and Communism.

Conflict Foreseen

Excellent crops just before and just after the war somewhat alleviated the situation—though rice imports continued. The extremely poor rice crop of last year—in 1940 rice imports doubled—which caused the price of rice to quintuple itself in three months, has led some observers to believe that the long war has further dislocated China's creaking semi-feudal agrarian economy, and that unless realistic reforms are carried out portentous political conflicts will develop from the increasingly restless villages.

Latest statistics, admittedly rough, seem to show that the trend towards concentration of land ownership and tenancy has continued since the war, despite the retarding effect of inflation.

The future seems to promise a conflict, peaceful or violent, between the war-born peasant rebels of North China and the agrarian conservatism of the Kuomintang. This conflict is apt to be the first issue confronting a victorious China—if it can be so long sublimated. At the root of Kuomintang-Communist clashes are two attitudes towards the peasantry.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE
A further installment from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

WHAT'S IN A GAME?

WE stand about the shriek of laughter. 'Lotto! Detail Board outside. Lotto! Lotto, corblimey—Lotto! The Detail Board holds the daily news of the Company. It tells the soldier what he has to do. . . .

It is the Handwriting On The Wall. It is the Word. If you're Detailed to do a thing, you go and do it, right or wrong. If the Detail says "Go and scrub the floor," you scrub.

If your name is omitted from a Detailed list, you rejoice, and go and get a tea and a wad at the Naffy, for, once off the Detail you cease to exist.

To-day, among other things in the frame, hangs a strange typewritten notice:—

It has been brought to my notice that gambling is taking place. I have adopted a procedure to stop this, and any N.C.O. or man caught will be severely dealt with. Here-with extract from Regimental Standing Orders:—

Para. 109. Gambling.—The playing of cards, dice, etc., for money or money's worth is forbidden in any part of the camp. Card playing is allowed only in the Recreation Room. The game of Lotto is allowed in camp.

WHY NOT?
At this, the Lad from the Elbow and Castle goes into a army names for 'em.

"Why, I've sat and listened to a Lotto game for hours in peacetime. There's an Army name for the Lotto numbers, from Kelly's Eye to Blind Nine."

"What's Kelly's Eye?"
"Number one. Blind Nine is ninety. Then there's Guard-room Door, which is Four. Legs Eleven. Unlucky: thirteen, of course. And Clinkety-Click: sixty-six. It's better than going to the pictures, and it's a nice harmless game."

HE WON POUNDS
"Personally," the Sergeant goes on, "I have not come across gambling in this Battalion."

"Gambling is bad among soldiers. It creates ill-feeling. 'Soldiers are like a lot of brothers. . . all good pals. What's the point in winning your pal's money, or having him win yours?"

"No. The C.O. is quite right to put his foot down on gambling. Cards! Dice! Pah! Unhealthy. Now, a good game of Lotto is nice recreation, and hurts nobody."

"I used to play it when I was a nipper," says the Lad.

"Well, let me tell you something. It's a game like any other game, thing," says Dagwood. "Many's Specially when the bloke calling the numbers knows the back of the numbers. Now then. . . ."

Moscow Prepares For Long Siege

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Moscow authorities are taking all steps to ensure that the city's population shall have as comfortable a time as possible during the winter. Huge reserves of food are being stored, including 400,000 tons of potatoes, and 214,000 tons of other vegetables.

Last night, Moscow City Council's President, M. Pronin stated that the work of fixing up Moscow's underground stations as air-raid shelters was being completed.

Thousands of beds for children, and a double layer of bunkers for grown-ups are being provided on stations which have also been provided with running water, good sanitation and even a radio set.

The House Committee have arranged special corners in the shelters with beds for children, and in districts where there are many wooden dwellings, 10,000 dug-out shelters have been constructed with bunkers and stoves. Some 3,300 houses are being strengthened to resist the effects of bomb blast. All this work is scheduled to be completed by October 17.

M. Pronin urged the utmost economy in the use of wood and coal, although Moscow has considerable supplies.

Cairo and Suez Canal Bombed

With Little Effect

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—There was an air raid last night on Cairo and Suez Canal areas, states the Ministry of the Interior. "Bombs were dropped on a suburb of Cairo, killing one and injuring 21. There was very slight damage."

"Slight damage was also done in the Suez Canal area but no casualties were reported."

"Alarms were also sounded in the greater part of the Delta."

It is understood that the damage in the Cairo suburb did not affect private property.

NAZIS WON'T FEED THEIR VICTIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Sept. 4 (UP).—The "German principle by which the occupying government is in no wise obliged to feed the population of the occupied countries" was stressed by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman according to the Berlin Correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne."

The spokesman added that the Reich solemnly declared that it would not take any responsibility for such feeding.

Kerr Wants Aid To China Unified

SHANGHAI, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

Sir Archibald Clerk Kerr, British Ambassador to China, has appointed a special committee to unify all British organisations rendering aid to China.

The committee will be authorised to take direct control of all British aid services to China, according to reports in the Chinese press here.

Summary Of War Fronts: Finns' Decision Awaited

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The most complete reserve on the progress of fighting on the eastern front which continues to be maintained by German and Soviet communiques cannot hide the fact that there is crystallisation of the situation in three directions.

Marsina Mannerheim has announced that the Finnish forces have reached the old frontiers in the Karelian Isthmus and it will not be long before it is known whether his Order of the Day reminding his soldiers that the time has not arrived for turning "swords into ploughshares" means that they are to continue to wage war for Germany's benefit, or whether they will rest on their laurels and remain on guard over the restored Finnish territory.

A truceless battle is now raging for Leningrad. Against whose formidable rings of outer defences the German forces are throwing masses of troops and hundreds of aeroplanes without so far, it appears, making any real impression on the great air defences and military and citizen army which Marshal Voroshilov has assembled.

Counter-Attacks

It is believed that the Soviet attack on an enemy salient in the central sector of the front, in which they hurled the Germans back 30 miles and captured 22 villages is probably the result of a counter-attack which was seen by Lieut-General Mason Macfarlane, head of the British Military Mission, somewhere north-east of Smolensk.

This, although a considerable operation, was not on the scale of the counter-attack for the protection of the Russian salient at Kiev about which details are waited in London.

The drama of the vast struggle in Russia which is rapidly approaching decisions of vital consequence to the future course of the war over-

SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NAZIS

Leningrad's Forts

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An unconfirmed report that the army of Marshal Ritter von Leeb has contacted Soviet defence lines between ten and twelve miles west and south of Leningrad was telegraphed today by the correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet."

These defences are stated to consist of a series of forts remaining from the civil war of 1919 which have been supplemented and strengthened. These forts, the correspondent continues, are regarded as a serious obstacle by the Germans, calling for strong air attacks if they are to be overcome.

Crediting the Germans with the wish to spare Leningrad the horrors of war, the correspondent mentions that there are reports of a three-bombing attacks on the city itself.

Dual Attack Likely

It is understood, however, that when the weather permits the Germans are making an attack on the Leningrad defence line and the great naval base at Kronstadt protecting the city.

The Russians are reported to be carrying out extensive counter-attacks in the central sector of the vast battle-front. These counter-attacks, it is stated, are proceeding along a line running south from Viazma (halfway between Smolensk and Moscow) but a claim is made in Berlin that they are not checking the German encircling movement based on Gomel and designed eventually to shut in Kiev.

Beyond claims of the establishment of bridgeheads on the lower Dnieper, reports reaching Berlin about the situation in the Ukraine are scanty. It is suggested, however, that there will very soon be the launching of a big German offensive towards the important Donetz industrial region, which is considered more important than Kiev and Leningrad.

Finnish Claims

Besides claiming to have reached the former Soviet-Finnish frontier at all points on the Karelian Isthmus, Helsinki telegrams report an intensification of the drive towards the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in the northern part of the front. This drive seems to be based on three sectors in the "waist of Finland" where the railway runs nearest to the Finnish frontier.

The capture of Sella, Kuusamo and Uhtua in this area is claimed by the Finns. These places were ceded to the Soviet Union after the winter war of 1940.

It is added that the Finns have now reached their old frontier everywhere except in the Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic Ocean.

Crete Wounded Pass Through New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

Soldiers and sailors were very heartened to hear how well the Russians were still holding out when they arrived in New York to-day on the Empress of Asia.

Most of them on board were wounded from Crete and elsewhere on their way to England to recuperate, and among 307 passengers, mostly soldiers, sailors and airmen, were also men who took part in the naval battle of Matapan.

Shortly after the vessel's arrival, the State Department in Washington announced that it had waived the ordinary requirements for visitors' visas and had allowed the passengers ashore while the ship was in dock. The ship's rails were lined with troops in khaki shorts, who cheered lustily as a host of newspapermen swarmed aboard, bringing with them copies of newspapers which were eagerly shared by the soldiers and sailors hungry for the latest news from Europe.

Henry-Haye Leaving U. S?

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

The "Washington Evening Star" to-night says that it is reliably reported that the Vichy Ambassador to Washington, M. Gaston Henry-Haye, will be leaving Washington this month for Vichy and Versailles and is not likely to return.

He will be accompanied by Colonel Vigier, who was recently accused by the "New York Herald Tribune" of underground pro-Vichy activities in the United States.

Purchase Of Rice In Szechwan

CHUNGKING, Sept. 4 (Central News).

Szechwan's farmers and landlords will receive from the Government 70 per cent of the value of their grain in Food Treasury Notes and 30 per cent in cash according to new regulations of the province for 1941.

The Ministry of Food has entrusted the Farmers' Bank of China and Szechwan Provincial Bank and their branches and agencies in different cities to make the payments for the grain. The two banks must announce in public the names of the sellers, the amount of purchases and the payment in cash or in Food Treasury Notes every ten days.

Turko-Russian Clash Report By Nazis

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (UP).

The Columbia Broadcasting System heard a German radio broadcast saying it had "unconfirmed reports" of clashes occurring between Turkish and Russian troops on the Turkish-Iran border.

Realistic Singapore Exercises

SINGAPORE, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

Defence exercises with "objects" will be held here in the middle of September lasting two days. They will be so realistic that the population has been warned in advance not to be alarmed.

A communique announcing the exercises declares that the measures need cause no alarm. They are merely a contribution towards the training of services on whose work the community will depend in an emergency.

FALL OF FOOCHOW EXPLAINED

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

An attempt to explain the Japanese withdrawal from Fochow, the capital of Fukien Province and Treaty Port, is made by the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It says that there is no longer any strategic necessity for the continued occupation. It further remarks that "Chinese citizens of Fochow have shown themselves capable of administering Japanese rule over themselves" and adds that the Japanese withdrawal has "provided the world with a concrete case of respect for territorial integrity and sovereign rights such as the Atlantic Charter required."

Mamoi Recaptured

CHUNGKING, Sept. 4 (Central News).—Mamoi, 10 miles southeast of Fochow on the Min River, was recaptured by Chinese troops at 2 p.m. yesterday.

On the northern bank the Chinese following their entry into Lienkiang are pursuing the Japanese fleeing toward Kuanwangtong, while on the southern bank they are launching spirited attacks on the Japanese at Halkow where they are boarding their warships.

Severe losses are reported to have been sustained by the Japanese in their retreat from points along the Min River.

Former M.P. Charged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—Captain Sir Herbert Paul Latham, 36, wealthy ex-M.P. was to-day accused at a court martial on 38 charges to which he pleaded not guilty. The charges included "disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind" and "aid and abet" with an artificial leg also pleaded not guilty to charges that he attempted to commit suicide when a letter from a Gunner exposed him.

First Australian Envoy To China

BATAVIA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

The first Australian Minister to China, Mr. Frederick William Eggleston, who is at present in the Dutch East Indies, to-day paid a visit to the military authorities at Bandung. In a press interview Mr. Eggleston said that his nomination was the third of a series of appointments which demonstrated Australia's sincere desire to develop relations with other Pacific countries.

South America Leaders Urge Continental Unity

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

The importance of Pan-American unity in the face of dangers arising from the present war was stressed in speeches made at a banquet given to the delegations of Paraguay and Argentina.

The Chief of the Brazilian General Staff, General Monteiro, paid tribute to the admirable spirit of collaboration on the American continent which had been given expression to by the policy of good neighbourliness.

He urged the necessity of intensifying the unity of the American continent so as to make it inaccessible to great powers at the same time unquenchable.

The present war, he said, afforded many lessons; among them that a weak power which did not unite in time and with sincerity, or which thought that it could safeguard itself from being drawn into conflict by various excuses, was bound to be coming trampled upon by the uncontrolled fury of the belligerents who admitted no right except their own interests.

Vital Spaces

The South American continent should unite in order to be ready to face the dangers resulting from the aims of those who sought the domination of vital continental and ocean spaces.

Even if the pessimistic forecasts uttered in the recent speech of Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State for War, were not realised, that should not discourage them from protecting their own integrity by action clearly conforming to the American spirit.

FOUR NEW ENGLISH BISHOPS

Former Soldier

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The four new Bishops whose nomination is approved by the King include the Right Reverend Noel Baring Hudson, who became a Brigadier-General in the last war at the age of 23 and won the D.S.O. and Military Cross each with a bar.

Bishop Hudson, who becomes Bishop of Newcastle, is Secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Other new Bishops are Canon Frank R. Barry, Sub-Dean of Westminster, who becomes Bishop of Southwell; Dr R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Hereford and the Rev. W. W. Cash, General Secretary of the Missionary Society, who becomes Bishop of Worcester.

Bishop Cash was previously the Society's Secretary for Palestine, Egypt and North Sudan. He served as Temporary Chaplain to the Forces from 1916 to 1920 and won the D.S.O.

U. S. Weapons For Poland's Soldiers

Lease-Lend Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

President Roosevelt has authorised the first Lease-Lend aid to the Polish Government, permitting military equipment to go to Polish soldiers now training in Canada for action overseas.

A White House announcement said that under the President's order, machine-guns, rifles, artillery, equipment, lorries and other supplies will be sent to these troops in future.

The statement added that President Roosevelt had stressed the importance of this new aid to the Government of Poland as a continuing expression of the policy of the United States to aid all who resist aggression.

Vital To U.S.A.

President Roosevelt declared that the resistance of the Polish forces was "vital to the defence of the United States," added the authorisation. Lease-Lend aid demonstrated the United States Government's intention to give material support to the fighting determination of the Polish people to establish once again the independence of which they are so inhumanly deprived.

OIL TANKER AT VLADIVOSTOK

U.S. Shipments Arrives

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Union Oil Company to-day announced that its tanker L. P. Saint Claire has reached Vladivostok carrying 85,000 barrels of aviation gasoline—the first delivery of such fuel under the United States programme to aid Russia.

The precise time of arrival was not revealed, and the announcement regarding the arrival was withheld for 12 hours until the Maritime Committee authorised its publication.

Two other tankers are due at Vladivostok next Sunday and Monday, one carrying 85,000 barrels of high octane fuel and the other carrying 75,000 barrels. The Saint Claire left Los Angeles on August 15.

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Raj has decided to give financial assistance to gliding in the Indian country and will be granting £7,500 towards the cost of a gliding centre was recently started in Poona.

MALTA BAGS SIX WITHOUT A LOSS

MALTA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

It is officially announced that six enemy fighters were shot down over Malta to-day.

Last night there was a succession of raids on Malta, enemy raiders operated singly, and dropped bombs on land causing slight civilian damage but no casualties.

On Thursday morning a large formation of Italian fighters approached Malta. They were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and six of the enemy were definitely shot into the sea. At least three were badly damaged and are unlikely to have reached their base. We sustained no losses.

Congratulations

MALTA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Replying to a message from General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, on entering the third year of war, praising the conduct of Malta's garrison, the Governor of Malta (Lieut-General Sir William Dobbie) said: "Your message has been greatly appreciated by all troops of the garrison who are fully prepared and are supremely confident in their ability to carry out whatever tasks may be ahead of them."

It is announced that £500 towards the Malta Relief Fund has been contributed by the Ceylon Planters' Association One Day's Pay Fund.



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Racing Season Rolls Around Again

Beas River Paddocks Not Quite Ready

Ponies Weather Summer Well At Happy Valley

ANOTHER SUMMER has come and gone, but members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have not been able to make use of their own grazing ground in Fanling, for owing to unsettled conditions the development of Fanling property has somewhat been delayed through lack of building materials, but it is reliably learned that the buildings and stables will be completed before the end of the year.

This huge property of the club has been named "Beas River Paddocks"—the future summer resort of our "dumb friends" during the recess.

It would really interest one to know what is the actual acreage of Beas River Paddocks, because land in the New Territories is very cheap. I reported in my racing notes of June 9, 1939, that the Hongkong Jockey Club had started negotiations to purchase a big piece of land for ponies to graze.

Since then they have purchased additional land and the cost of land alone, I understand, is over \$98,000. Judging from the figures disclosed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, at the half-yearly general meeting held in May, there is good reason to believe that there will be accommodation for over five hundred ponies.

A sum of over \$200,000 had already been expended and the amount includes the purchase of additional lots, the cost of levelling, draining, fencing, and the planting of trees and shrubs.

It is estimated that a further sum of three lakhs will be required for the full development of the property. When completed it will undoubtedly be the only racing club in the Orient that will have an up-to-date grazing ground for the sole use of members.

Summered Well

HOWEVER, in the absence of a luxurious grassland, all the Australian and China ponies (excepting a few) did not leave the Colony for their holidays, and there is no doubt that all of them had spent the summer well at the stables, Village Road.

It appears all the racers were delighted to get back in harness, and of course, training is now in full swing with the work more or less confined to a collected pace. We are bound to see some fast gallops during next week.

Transfers

THERE have been a good few transfers of Australian and China racers to several new homes, and all of them will, of course, run under their new respective racing colours at the coming meeting. The most important change is Mrs. Gransett's Sapper going to the stable, Tinsman, belonging to Capt. Holmes, while Lady Northcote's Devonian has been made a gift to Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The novice jockey T. L. Tseng is now the owner of A. Good Time, Pictall and Pumpnickel, and C. L. Gregory is going to have "a go" at that sulky pony, Silver Spear.

Rivulet seems to like her new owners, Shiu Brothers, and Santa Anita becomes the property of Li Chuk-lai.

As to quantity, S. W. Lee has added to his long string, Eve of

Newcomers Prominent At Morning "Pows" Advice To Novices

FOUR SUCCESSFUL POWS were held during the early morning hours without rain to mar the unofficial meetings. I am not a Chinese scholar, but it has been represented to me on good authority that the word "pow" in Shanghai means a "trial" between two or more ponies. The "dark horse" racket in Shanghai originated from these pows and Hongkong copied the line of business from a different angle.

There are a few newcomers worth watching among the novice events and the best three are R. Bluestone, L. G. Perkins and T. L. Tseng. The latter rode a smart race on A. Good Time because his judgment of pace was certainly good and there was a perfect rhythm in the combination.

The success of B. K. Yip on Odeon was a motorcar ride, for his mount was far too good against the other tumblers.

The Jitters

I have nothing to gain in saying that a few apprentices among the "also rans" appeared to have the jitters and they were certainly afraid to be up with the field. Li Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, now the Prime Minister, once said:

"No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle. Young men have often been ruined through owning horses, or through backing horses, but never through riding them. Unless, of course, they break their necks, which, taken at a gallop, is a very good death to die."

Everybody knows that it is against the rules of racing to cross, jostle, or any act on the part of the jockey, but there can be no disqualification if the novice keeps a straight course without interfering with other runners.

The incessant practice of keeping too far back must be avoided at the beginning (never to be afraid of "mud bath" or bumping at the start) otherwise one will never reach the top of the ladder.

Dancing, Eye of Hunting, Eye of Folly, set in Time, King Kong, Santa's Choice and This Time, and this young novice owner now has over three dozen racers.

Australians' Autumn Plate On September 27

Colossal Weight-For United Express

A FINE PROGRAMME has been framed by the racing Stewards for the extra meeting to be held on September 27, and the Double Tenth Meeting's programme of two days has also been announced.

1942 Race Fixtures

Annual Meeting Brought Forward One Month

A LIST of race fixtures for 1942 under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been circulated to members and it may interest the racing public to know that there are two additional extra meetings as against 13 of the present season. The Annual Carnival has been brought forward almost a month, and the first extra meeting is scheduled to be held on February 21.

The following is a list of 1942's fixtures:
 Saturday, January 31 } Annual Meeting
 Monday, February 2 }
 Tuesday, do 3 }
 Wednesday, do 4 }
 Saturday, February 7 } First Extra
 Saturday, March 7 } Second Extra
 Saturday, March 21 } Third Extra
 Saturday, April 4 } Fourth Extra
 Monday (Easter), April 6 } Fourth Extra
 Saturday, April 18 } Fifth Extra
 Saturday, May 2 } Sixth Extra
 Saturday, May 23 } Seventh Extra
 Monday (Whitsun), May 25 } Seventh Extra
 Saturday, June 5 } Eighth Extra
 Saturday, September 27 } Ninth Extra
 Saturday, October 10 } Tenth Extra
 Saturday, October 24 } Eleventh Extra
 Saturday, November 7 } Twelfth Extra
 Saturday, November 21 } Thirteenth Extra
 Saturday, December 5 } Fourteenth Extra
 Saturday, December 19 } Fifteenth Extra

Cesarewitch Stakes On October 10

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES will have its first running on October 10, and the first prize is \$1,500 to the winner. Being an open handicap for all comers, the contest will no doubt attract many nominations and the result of the classic will serve a good pointer for the two St. Leger confined to Australian subscription ponies and griffins of this season.

Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League

SEVEN TEAMS will contest the championship in the Indian Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League to commence on September 27-28 when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November. The fixtures have been so arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:
 Saturday, September 27—5th A.A. R.A. v. Hongkong Mule Corps; 12th R.A. v. H.K.S.R.A.; 2nd/14th Punjab v. 8th Regt. R.A.
 Sunday, September 28—1st Punjab Regt. v. 5th A.A. R.A.; H.K. Mule Corps v. 12th R.A.; H.K.S.R.A. v. 2nd/14th Punjab.

U. S. Charity Football

New York, Sept. 4. In professional football to-day the Giants defeated the Eastern Collegians last night 23-2 in the sixth annual charity game.—United Press.

The resumption of our fortnightly meetings will be marked by the introduction of three divisions in the Cantala Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs coupled with the inaugural contest, Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over a long distance of two and a quarter miles.

The innovation means another forward move in the interest of owners and the racing public, and it will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the punters.

Most Important

THERE is no space here to reproduce the ten interesting events of the September meeting, but the most important race on the card is the Australian Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate confined to the Subscription ponies of this season.

The weight to be carried by the candidates is 140 lb. with a pound penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes and the limit is a run over the champion course of one and a quarter miles. The winner is to receive \$1,500 while the second will get \$600 and the third prize is \$300.

The conditions of this classic event will inhibit the owner of United Express from entering his champion sub on account of the preposterous imposition of avoirdupois.

Probables

WE will have the entries for the above classic after the closing on Thursday, September 18, but in the meanwhile I append below a list of probable nominations with their respective weights:

| Stakes | Weight |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Amulet Star | \$1,500 140 lb. |
| Araxys II | 1,000 145 |
| A Surprise Time | 4,100 161 |
| Headling | 1,200 147 |
| Black Seal | 2,000 153 |
| Bona Vacantia | 1,000 145 |
| Hugle | 2,000 153 |
| Corcoran | 1,000 145 |
| Crack Shot | 1,200 147 |
| Dashing Beauty | 600 143 |
| Duties Treat | 2,000 153 |
| Faded | 574 168 |
| Happy Returns | 4,700 164 |
| Hole in One | 1,000 145 |
| Joan | 1,000 145 |
| Jus Gentium | 2,237 157 |
| King's Flight | 2,000 150 |
| Lex Fox | 3,300 177 |
| Mainsail | 2,000 150 |
| Manhattan | 1,000 145 |
| Maple Leaf | 1,000 145 |
| Moonlight | 2,300 157 |
| Never-Never | 1,500 140 |
| Odessa Fide | 1,000 140 |
| Royal Sovereign | 1,000 140 |
| Santa Anita | 1,000 140 |
| Sydney Lady | 1,500 148 |
| Tien Tien | 1,500 148 |
| United Express | 10,000 168 |
| Vitamin | 800 144 |
| Wayworth | 1,000 143 |

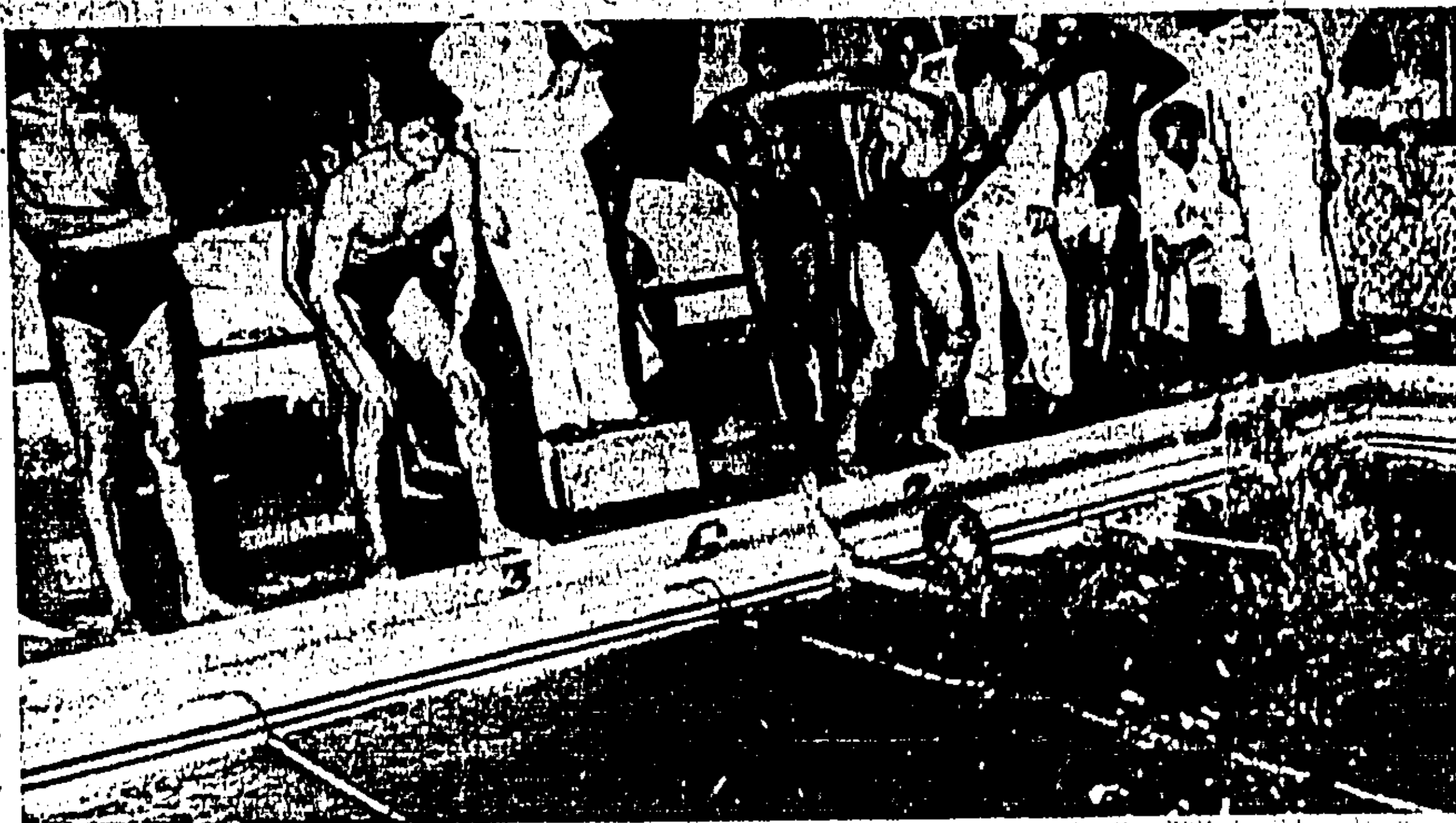
It will be seen from the above that United Express (if entered) has to shoulder 195 lb. over a middle distance run of 1 1/4 miles and it is interesting that the weight over the new scale for inches is a penalty of 43 lb.

It is without any question a terrific penalty, but one must not overlook the fact that the pony has had good innings and has gained \$10,000. The owner, I do not expect that United Express will be entered, for it would be wasting the nomination fee \$5.

Other Heavies

ENDEAVOUR has also a heavy burden of 168 lb. to carry and the next in order comes Happy Returns with 164 lb. on her back. A Surprising Time has to tip the scale at 161 lb. while Mainsail has to draw 160 lb.

It is useless to discuss the prospect at this juncture, for the trainers have over a fortnight to trim their candidates. But the race will be full of interesting possibilities.



The 120 yards medley relay at the Lai Tsun-University gala last week-end. Kenneth Lo ready to take over for the breast-stroke, while Tsang Cheong-ming just diving off as Lau Yiu-ting touches.—Ming Yuen.

Bumper Entries Expected For Colony Aquatic Championships

Chan Chun-nam Ready To Defend His Titles

(By "Tinker")

THERE'S NOTHING NEW from swimming circles. The majority are awaiting the climax of the season—the Colony Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4.

The closing day for entries, by a new threat in Tsui Hang has come into being.

Of the women, most improved has been Celeste Guterres, running a close second, however, is Ho Wai-king of the Chinese Bathing Club. They will offer a challenge, but should not be able to beat Vivienne Churn over the 50 and 100 yards.

Miss Guterres should have little difficulty in taking the women's 220 and 440 yards free-style events.

Added to this trio will be Ko Mui-ling, of Lai Tsun, and Sa Wai-ying of the same Club—the latter the back-stroke mermaid. Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun and Li Po-luen, of South China, are the outstanding breast-stroke swimmers, though Vivienne Churn must be considered for the 50 yards.

Jackie Anderson has been "down" for two weeks with flu, and though she returns to training to-day it is a matter of opinion how much of her old form she can recover in the short time left.

WITH the Championships, the V.R.C. will conclude a successful season, one which has been above the average in ambition. Their best initiative was shown in the arrangement of the Inter-Schools gala last month.

The Club may be suffering from a lack of swimmers, but there's nothing wrong with their spirit.

Twice within one week, he bettered his Colony 440 time of last year, though it must be remembered that on both occasions he was swimming in the Chinese "Y" pool which is only 20 yards long. The only other quarter-mile to approach within these times has been Yau Sal-kwan, youthful understudy of Chan, who has also been doing extremely well throughout the year. Ng Nin was the great threat to most titles last year, but he found himself pressed by the crowded programme. This year different conditions exist. The heats and finals are spread over four weeks. There are only three men's events on each of the four final days.

As regards the sprints, not only has Davis Hutchinson been out of the picture for quite some time, but

St Leger Call-Over

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Latest call-over for the St Leger which is being run on September 26, was as follows:

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| 5-1 (o) Owen Tudor, 13-2 (t). |
| 9-1 (t o) Chalcot, La Rose. |
| 17-2 (t o) Suncliffe. |
| 9-1 (o) Devonian. |
| 100-9 (o) Royalist. |
| 100-9 (o) Bakhtawar. |
| 100-6 (o) Lambert Simnel and Starwort. |
| 20-1 (o) Orthodox and Polomy. |
| 20-1 (o) Dancing Time. |
| 25-1 (t o) Felous. |
| 33-1 (o) Feroze Khan. |
| 50-1 (o) Royal Academy. |
| 50-1 (o) Fettes. |
| 100-1 (o) Ranger. |

U.S. Tennis

Kovacs Enters Singles Semi-finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 3 (Reuter).—Frankie Kovacs, indoor champion, who is fancied to succeed McNeill, entered the U.S. National Tennis semi-finals, beating Jack Kramer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6.

The women's semi-finalists include Margaret Osborne and Pauline Peck. Miss Osborne, though not ranked in the first ten American tennis players, is enjoying a brilliant season and is capable of upsetting anybody. Miss Peck is now not favourite for the title, the winning of which would confirm the impression existing for several months that she is the outstanding player at present in American women's tennis.—Reuter.

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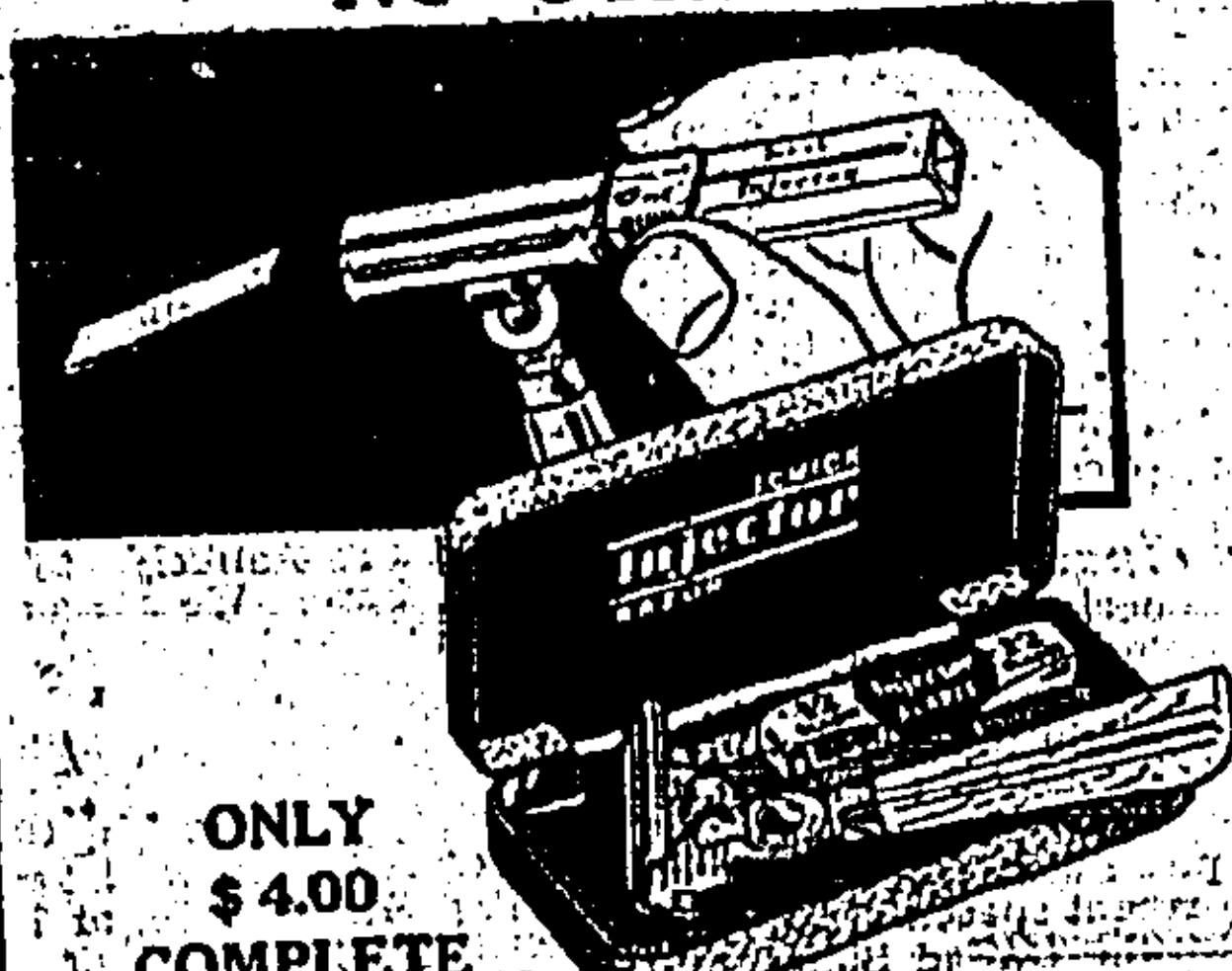
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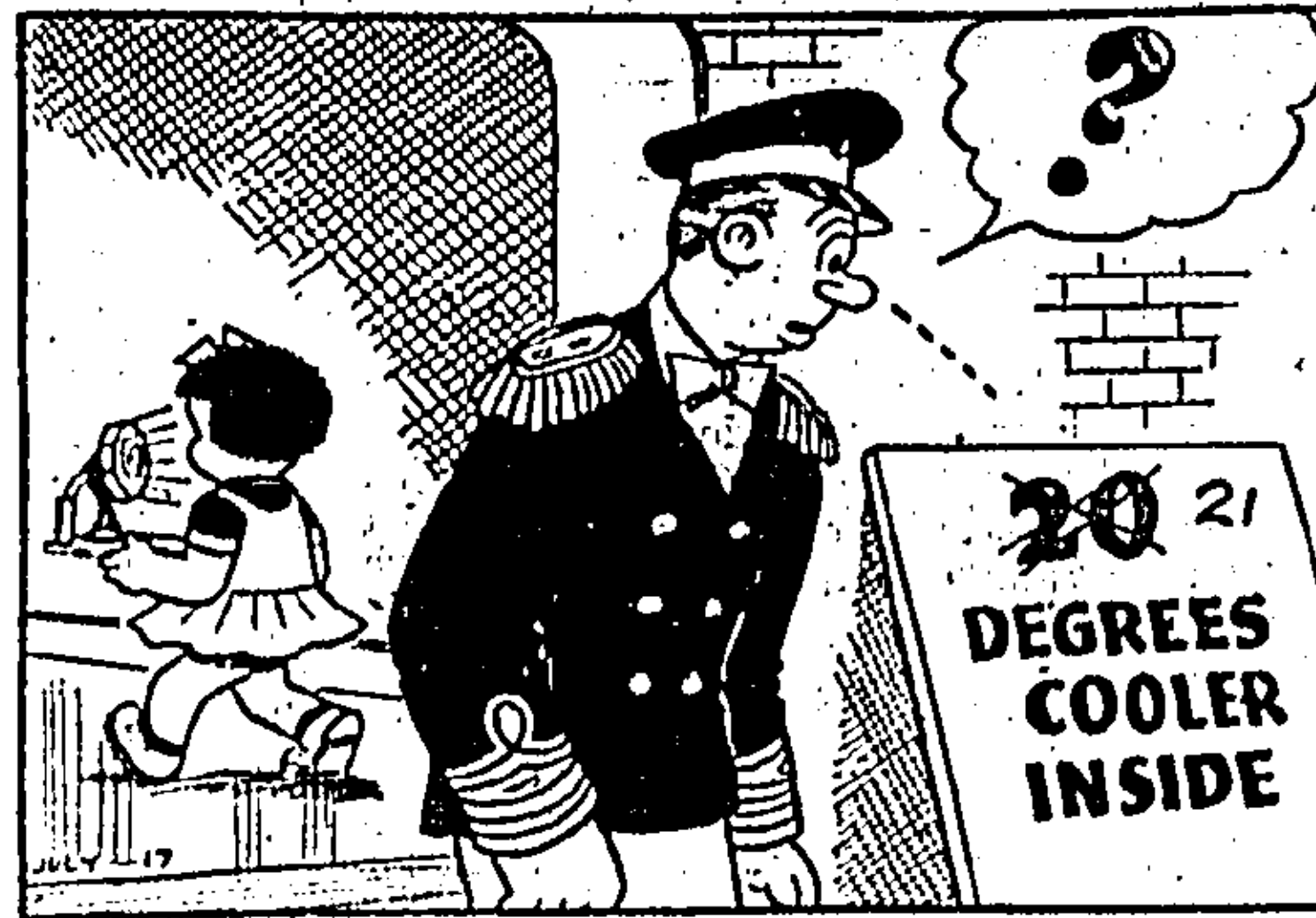
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Danger to South America Of German Colonists

Although appreciations vary as to the strength and danger of the "fifth column" in South America, there is unanimity among investigators regarding the changed political attitude of German colonists. All neutral accounts agree, and the "Christian Science Monitor's" correspondent's observations concur, that the younger generation, boys and girls normally destined to be satisfactory New World citizens, have come under the spell of racial propaganda since Hitler dominated the European continent.

Take the case of that strip of southern lakeland between Chile and Argentina. Since the first settlers three-quarters of a century ago, the German-speaking population, the majority on the Chilean side, has increased to nearly 200,000. The conduct of these colonists, especially young men and women of the fourth and fifth generations, intimates that a victorious Germany would convert them into a serious problem both for the states of which they are technical citizens and for Pan-American statesmanship concerned with continental security.

Investigators have not found the secret airports and arms depots, so often alleged, but they have met with the obnoxious Nazi-style comportment of young Germans wherever they have travelled, by train, omnibus or lake and river steamer. But a few years ago these youths would have gone out of their way, in conversation and conduct, to emphasise their New World citizenship.

Another palpable development is the utilisation by young Germans of national organisations of actual and potential military value. They form the majority in the Boy and Girl Scout troops. They are also to be found in the local rifle practice clubs, which are usually Government subsidised. The real native, when you challenge on the subject in the town or village, is surprised at the question. For him it is just Don Federico or Don Carlos at his favourite sport.

Last month it was discovered at San Carlos de Bariloche that the Argentine Army actually lent Army trucks and miscellaneous equipment for two companies of Boy Scouts who turned out to be all German-speaking. Maj. Napoleon A. Justo, who visited the Scouts' camp on Ultima Esperanza Island, in Lake Nahuelhuapi, received a surprise.

Argentine Flag Set "Lost"
Only German military music was played. The boys had service rifles and practised throwing heavy wooden balls which were obvious substitutes for hand grenades. The Argentine flag over headquarters was flown at half mast. This means "lost" in the language of Hitler organisations.

Similar exploitation of national organisations and equipment comes from southern Chile. Both the Buenos Aires and Santiago Governments, however, are alive to the dangers of the introduction of German technique and propaganda in these areas of settlement. They have been especially watchful of the educational establishments. More inspectors have appeared to test local instruction.

Ready To "Take Over"
Central authorities, although recognising psychological changes

Glamour Girl Killed

Eleanor (Cookie) Young, 23, first of the society Glamour Girls, and Nicholas Embiricos, 32, member of a Greek shipping family, were killed when his Fairchild monoplane got lost in a fog and crashed into the breakers off Carpenter's Beach, Metunuck, Rhode Island.

A guest at the Newport home of Eleanor's father, Robert R. Young, chairman of the Allegheny Corp., Embiricos tried to fly blind to Roosevelt Field, Long Island, although his plane lacked the necessary instruments. According to eye witnesses, the ship circled the beach several times at an altitude of 100 feet before it hit the water.

Miss Young, who preceded Gloria Baker and Brenda Frazier as the photographic favourite of society editors, made her debut at Newport in 1930. Later she eloped with one Robert O. Bacon. She was divorced from him in 1936.

Free French Flier, Condemned To Death, Gains Freedom

The adventure of a Free French flier captured in Abyssinia, sentenced to death by an Italian court-martial, and kept in a cell for six months until the British captured Dessie, has now been told.

One of many French officers who left Syria after the capitulation, he joined the De Gaulle forces and flew with the R.A.F. over Abyssinia.

When his plane was shot down by an Italian chaser he was the only survivor of three who were machine-gunned after bailing out.

The Italian military authorities told him he could not be treated as a prisoner of war and sent him to Addis Ababa criminal prison to face a charge of "military rebellion" under the Armistice Convention with Italy.

After sentence days passed without execution. During his six months in a cell he was allowed two hours' walk daily in the prison courtyard. Food consisted of maccaroni, with a little meat from time to time. The only person he could

talk to was the prison chaplain, who spoke French.

Governor's Insults

The prison governor invariably insulted him, calling him "Dirty pig" or "Traitor," and ordering him to salute him in the Fascist manner. His treatment became worse until a hurried transfer came to Dessie—two days before British troops entered Addis Ababa.

In Dessie prison, although conditions were worse still, he made friends with a native "rebel" who escaped to tell British officers of the Frenchman's plight.

Then, one morning, not the gaoler but a British officer opened the cell door. Walking out to liberty the French flier saw, now captive, his accusers at the court-martial which had sentenced him to death.

A CENTURY OF COOK'S

Travel Agency's Record Of Growth

The first excursion organized by Thomas Cook was a cheap railway trip from Leicester to Loughborough and back on July 5, 1841. It was an arduous device to secure a good attendance at a temperance meeting at Loughborough; for Thomas Cook, then aged 32, was an ardent teetotaler and secretary of the South Midland Temperance Association. So began the world-wide and world-famous travel agency which has attained its centenary.

"Success Story"

Thomas Cook's rise was in the best tradition of the Victorian "success story." Born in the village of Melbourn, Derbyshire, in a tiny cottage that still stands, he started work at the age of 10 as a gardener's boy. Later he learned the trade of wood-turning from an uncle and set up in business for himself at Market Harborough. The idea for that first excursion came to him during a walk of 15 miles into Leicester to attend a temperance gathering. So successful was the venture that he was kept busy arranging similar excursions for the next year or two. Launching out farther, in 1846 he conducted a party of 350 on a tour to Scotland. For the Great Exhibition of 1851 he carried 105,000 visitors to London from all parts of the British Isles.

In 1855 Thomas Cook made arrangements for thousands of visitors to the Paris Exhibition and so opened the way for his first Continental tour—a grand circular tour that included Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, and Paris. During the early sixties his Continental activities extended rapidly. In 1865, as he was to write later "through many difficulties, I got my first party to Rome and Naples, and for several years our way was through brigand-infested districts, when military escorts protected us." The first round-the-world tour was made in 1872 by Thomas Cook himself with nine companions. It aroused such interest that The Times commissioned him to send a series of dispatches describing its progress.

Three Generations

Three generations of the Cook family have been associated with the growth of the business. The founder virtually retired in 1879 and died in 1892, in his eighty-fourth year, leaving the direction of affairs in the hands of his son, John Mason Cook, whose sons in their turn, after John Mason Cook's death in 1909, continued in control till 1924. In 1924 a private limited company was formed to administer the travel business, with a separate limited company to control the banking business.

To-day the firm's normal activities are performed much curtailed by the war, though continuing so far as possible both at home and among overseas branches. Nevertheless, one department of Thomas Cook and Son is exceedingly busy, having been officially charged with the transmission of letters from private individuals to and from enemy countries and enemy-occupied territories. The beginning of the present war confronted the firm with the formidable task of repatriating large numbers of overseas tourists stranded in Great Britain, besides withdrawing British tourists from the Continent.

Prize Offer For Marine Invention

The Council of the Royal Society of Arts is offering a prize under the Thomas Gray Memorial Trust, the objects of which are "the advancement of the Science of Navigation and the Scientific and Educational Interests of the British Mercantile Marine".

A Prize of £50 will be awarded to any person who may bring to their notice an invention, publication, diagram, etc., which in the opinion of the judges is considered to be an advancement in the science or practice of navigation, proposed or invented by himself in the period January 1, 1936, to December 31, 1941.

Entries which have already been considered by the judges in the years 1936-40 are not eligible for further consideration unless they have since been materially modified. The Council reserves the right of withholding the prize or of awarding a smaller prize if, in the opinion of the judges, no suitable invention is submitted, and in the event of more than one such improvement being approved, the Council reserves the right of dividing the amount into two or more prizes at its discretion.

The Council does not claim any rights in respect of any invention to which a prize may be awarded. Competitors must forward their proofs of claim, between October 1 and December 31, 1941, to the Secretary, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London W.C.2.

1940 Prize

In 1940 the Council offered a similar prize. Twenty-four entries were submitted, and the full prize of £50 was awarded to Mr. H. G. Walker, of Chesham, Surrey, for a device known as the "Portable Valve Lifeboat Equipment," a self-contained radio auto-transmitter, designed for the purpose of saving life at sea.

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 113 traffic accidents as the result of which four persons were killed and 23 persons were injured.

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| Post Office (seventh donation) | 50 |
| "Baby Technique" | 5 |
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CHINESE SEAMEN
The Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen in Hongkong acknowledges the following donations received the last fortnight in August:

Sir Robert H. Fung, \$25; Mr. E. G. Price, \$10; Mr. Kwok Chan, \$10; Mr. Chow Boon-hean, \$10; Dr. K. L. Kwan, \$10; Mr. S. S. Chuen, \$5; Mr. W. Buchanan, \$5; Dr. K. C. Cheng, \$5; Mr. T. M. Gregory, \$5; Mr. S. L. Maughan, \$5; Mr. J. A. Backwood, \$5; Messrs. Min Ngai Kong Commercial Co., \$5; Lever of God, \$5; Mr. Lam Kam-hung, \$5; Messrs. Tien Cheung & Co., \$5; Anonymous, \$1; Dr. Ng Wai-fang (Good Samaritan Fund), \$20; Mr. S. V. Oltins (per Mr. Lee), \$5; Three Friends of Mr. Lee, \$5; the Commercial Union Assurance Co., \$5; All communications and contributions may be sent to the Headquarters, 45, Jordan Road, 1st floor, Tsimshui, Kowloon. All cheques and money orders should be crossed and made payable to the Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen, Hongkong. Please state whether for General Building, or Good Samaritan Funds.

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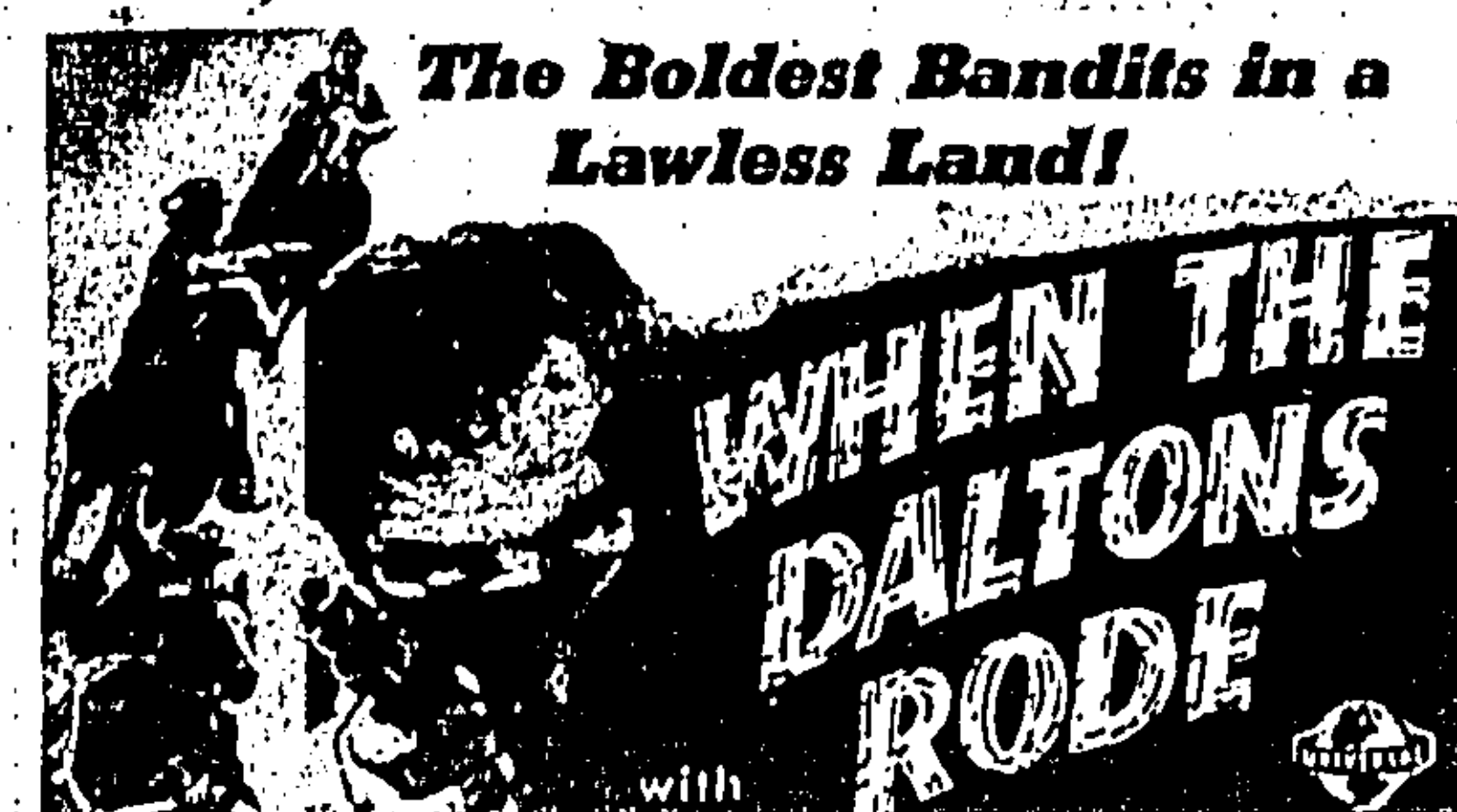
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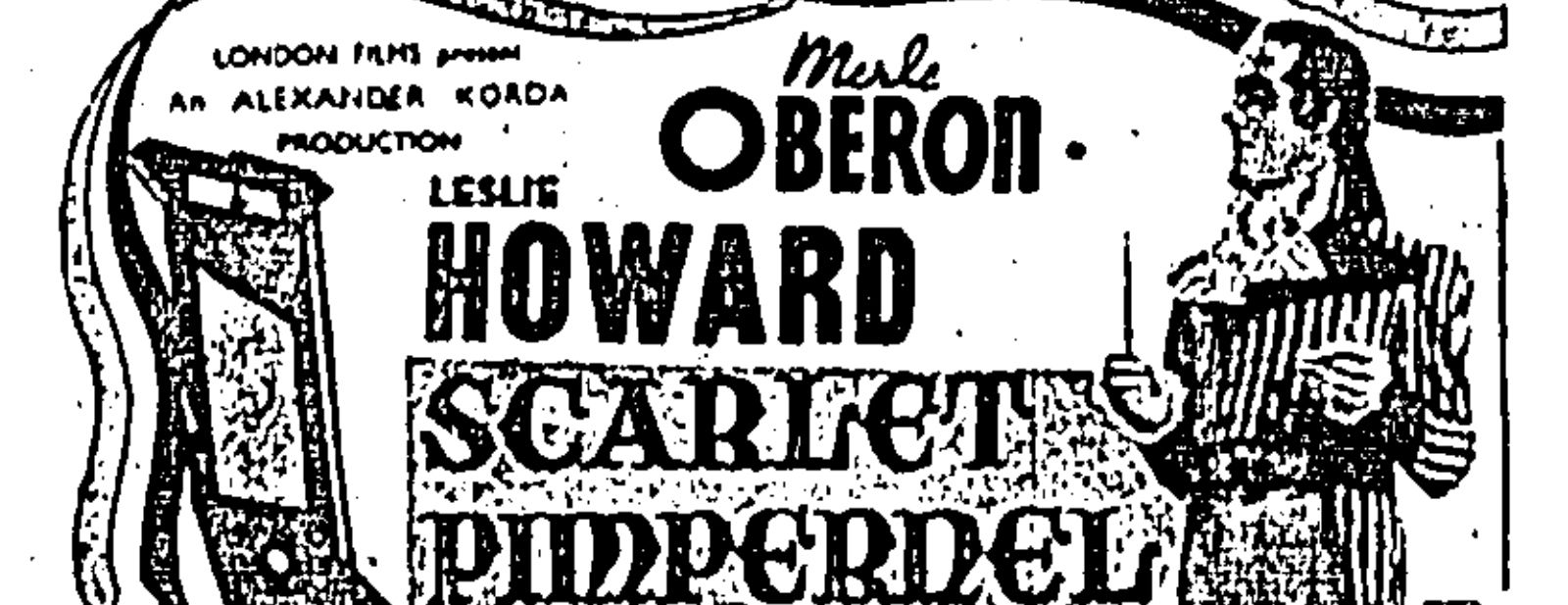
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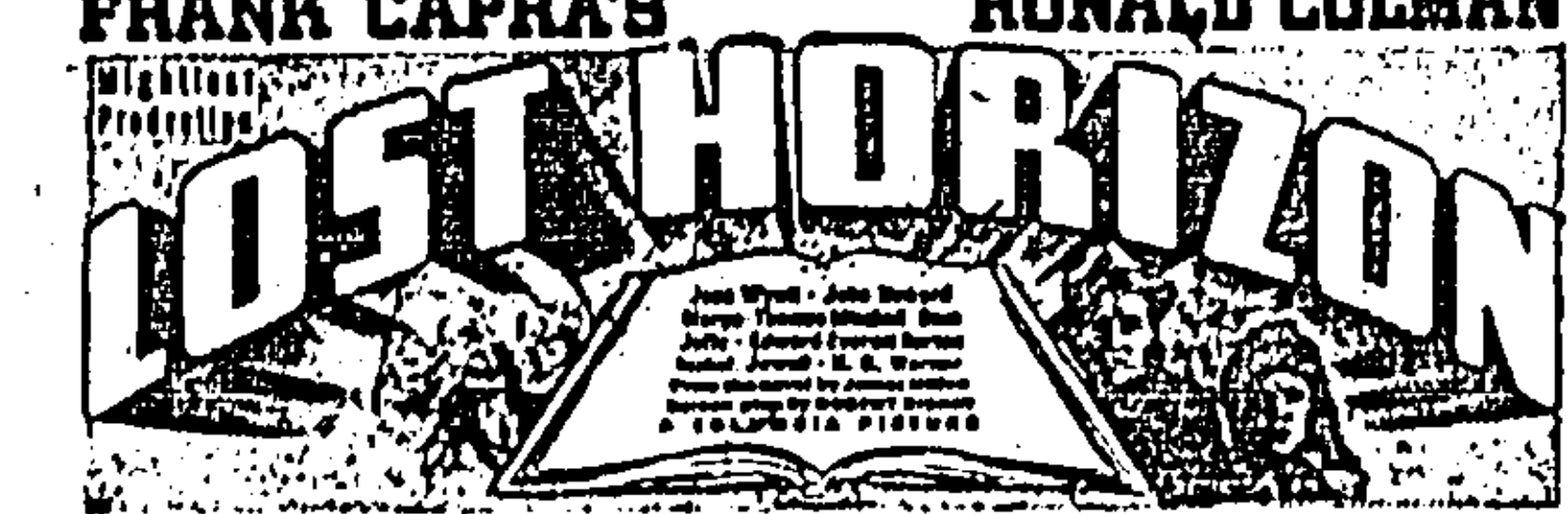
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Germans Abandon Many Positions

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entered the city. Leningrad was by far not encircled nor cut off. It maintains its communications with the rest of the country by means of various railways.

Colossal Casualties

LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—

Reports reaching London indicate that the total German losses in the Soviet campaign so far are 1,750,000 dead, wounded and missing.

Russian losses are estimated at between two and three million indicating the colossal size of the action.

The Russians it is claimed have 9,000,000 men in the field and between four and five million additional men are to be put into the field.

Nazis "Radio Victory"

shortly.

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, today ridiculed the German radio claim of the capture of Bryansk which he called a "radio victory."

Asked by "Reuter" whether other German attempts had been made to cross the Dnieper by pontoon similar to that recounted in the Soviet communiqué, M. Lozovsky admitted that a number of such attempts were made but that all failed.

He added that the Germans, on an anti-tank approach to Leningrad, were unable to advance and that they were obliged to rush up large reinforcements in order to maintain their positions.

Finnish Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (UP).—A dispatch from the front to the newspaper "Izvestia" today reported that the 45 day battle somewhere on the Finnish sector cost the Finns 18,000 killed or wounded.

The Finns opened an offensive on July 4 along a wide front and the advance was finally halted by vigorous Russian counter-attacks.

The Finnish tactics were calculated to advance toward Lake "N", split the Red forces and enable the Germans to thrust in the main directions.

Russians swam across the deep lake carrying artillery, entrenched themselves on the enemy shore and are continuing to repel the Finnish assaults.

Terse Communique

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communiqué the Soviet Information Bureau issued at 11 p.m. M.T.:

"During September 4, our troops continued to fight the enemy along the entire front.

"On September 2, our air force destroyed 52 enemy planes in air combats and on their aerodromes. We lost 28 planes.

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BEIRUT, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—

General Dentz accompanied by 47 officers of his General Staff, has arrived from Jerusalem on the first stage of his journey back to France.

A Guard of Honour was mounted at the quayside and presented arms before General Dentz boarded his ship which is leaving in a convoy shortly.

Madame Dentz is accompanying her husband, who is understood to have accepted the offer of a high post on the Vichy General Staff.

An Allied spokesman told "Reuter": "We have given the men of Vichy a good lesson in International Law and fair play on how to treat prisoners. Let the Axis ask General Dentz about it."

It is learned that over 100 French seamen deserted from the last convoy of ships arriving from France and joined the Free French forces in the Levant. One mariner was astounded to find Beirut life proceeding normally. He said: "Vichy propaganda told us that Beirut was in ruins and with no petrol for traffic."

R.A.F. Pays Boys To Go To 'Varsity

Eighteen-year-old boy cinema operator Victor Lacey, of East Sheen, is receiving a university education at the expense of the R.A.F.

Victor is the ward of an East Sheen solicitor.

"When my old schoolmaster wrote to me about the R.A.F. scheme to send boys to university and groom them for commissions," he said "I jumped at the chance. I never thought I'd be lucky enough to go to university and get a chance to become a pilot."

'Blue' And Wings?

Now Victor spends his R.A.F. pocket money towing on the river on his spare afternoons, so he may get his "blue" as well as his wings.

Public schoolboys, clerks, insurance men, and elementary schoolboys are already sharing lectures with Victor under this plan.

Said a squadron leader with a peacetime reputation as an educationist: "We find that university education gives a broader view to the boys. All we ask is a school-leaving certificate, the recommendation of a master, physical fitness, and a desire to fly."

LATE NEWS

Franco-Japanese Problems

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LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A heavy attack is believed to have been made by a large force of bombers and fighters over Northern France this afternoon. Aircraft were heard flying across the Channel at a great height.

About an hour later bombers in formation, escorted by many squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes, re-crossed the southeast coast on the way home.

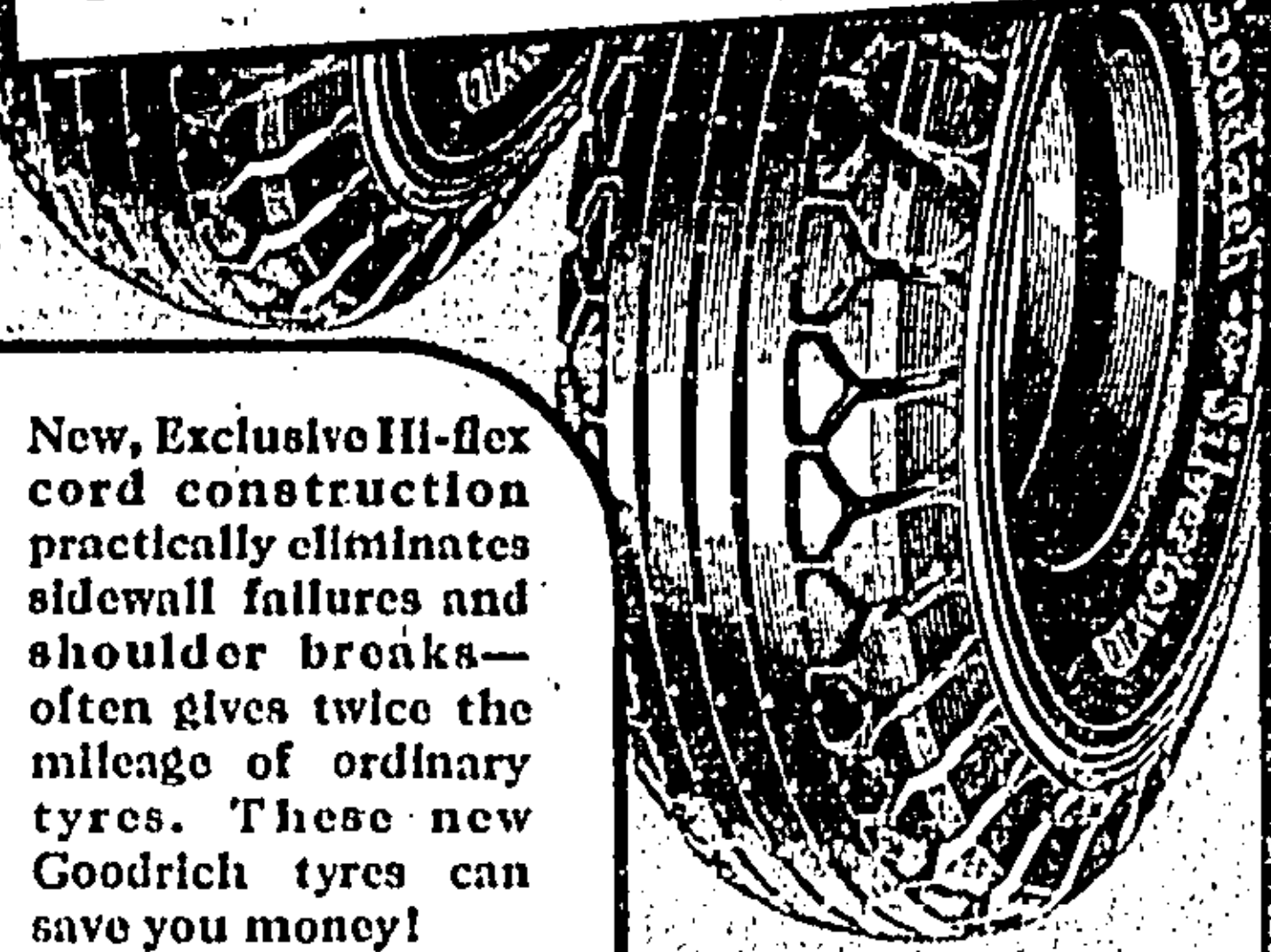
Meanwhile anti-aircraft fire had been heard from the French coast and there were also heavy explosions believed to have been the crashing of bombs.

Rotterdam Docks

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MOTIF OF VICTORY

BEETHOVEN did not know the Morse code. But he wrote in it. By the sheerest and yet most appropriate coincidence possible, he employed as a rhythmic pattern in the first movement of his Fifth Symphony what any telegrapher would recognize as the Morse symbol for the letter V.

There are two coincidences here, one of them obvious and of no importance. The letter V is the Roman equivalent of the figure 5, but what matters more is that V has become in France and other occupied countries a symbol of ultimate victory over the Nazi terror. It is written on walls and elsewhere to catch the eye of Nazi overseers. It is ubiquitous. So many V's have appeared as to suggest some sort of underground organisation.

Now, like an increasingly unruly child, V is not only going to be seen but heard. For victims of Nazi ambition are now learning to spell it out in dots and dashes: dot-dot-dot-dash. They can even sing or whistle it, to the first four notes of the world's most familiar symphony. If Frenchmen do this as often as sentiment prompts they will reproduce most of the symphony's first movement, which is based on a constant reiteration of dot-dot-dot-dash motifs, one set overlaying another in crescendos sometimes expressive of an increasing fury, as of suppressed peoples.

The Nazis may find themselves in a veritable vortex of sounds dearly familiar to German ears but ill attuned to Nazi theories. Beethoven would never have been a Nazi. The story of his disillusion with Napoleon is twice told; how the composer had dedicated his "Eroica" Symphony to the military genius of the French Revolution only to destroy the dedication page when Napoleon began to act like a Hitler.

Beethoven would have been no more impressed with Nazi ventures. One feels he would be glad to know that the motif of "fate knocking at the door," with which his Symphony V opens, has been turned into a motif of the inevitable knocking ominously on doors and windows wherever Nazi oppressors pass by. —*Christian Science Monitor*.

PEASANTRY: KEY TO CHINA'S FUTURE

By Hugh Deane

War has brought numerous complications to the Chinese scene—stresses and strains which are vital to an understanding of the political situation in the country. At Chungking and in the interior, Mr Deane, who wrote for the "Christian Science Monitor," has had ample opportunity to watch these developments.

China admit that the "Red bandits" are more firmly entrenched than ever.

The growing divergence between the status of the peasantry in the guerilla areas of North China, where the Communists are powerful, and the status of the peasantry in Kuomintang-controlled Central and South China, is regarded by many observers as one of the major conditioning factors of Chinese politics. Many see in it an underlying cause of the recent clashes between the Kuomintang and the Communists, and consider it one of the most important problems which a victorious China would have to face.

These observers point out that in the long run the peasantry has always been the most powerful determinant of Chinese politics. Throughout Chinese history, when economic conditions became intolerable, a rising tide of peasant rebellions revealed that the "heavenly mandate" of the ruling dynasty had been exhausted. The leaders of the revolt would ultimately succeed in establishing a new dynasty, and the process of reconstitution and change would again commence to unfold.

Streamlined Version

A streamlined version of an old-style peasant rebellion is now going on in north China, slightly disguised as guerilla warfare. Rebellion was implicit in the situation caused by the war. The Japanese invasion released a revolt which had long been smouldering. The very fact that the North China peasant took up arms to defend his village changed his status and made him an unconscious bearer of the torch of agrarian revolution. For when the peasant guerillas began to fight they began to demand reforms to fight for. At the very beginning the leadership of the peasants was acquired by the Communists and such groups as the Shansi Sacrifice League and the National Salvationists.

Agrarian Movement

Chinese Communism is quite essentially an agrarian movement. The Communists have brought the North China peasantry new and improved techniques of struggle—techniques which the Reds acquired during 10 years of civil war. By a shrewd guerilla warfare the Japanese control of North China has been confined to the big cities and towns and lines of communication. The hinterland has remained in the hands of the guerillas.

The effect of Communist leadership has been to convert typical sporadic peasant uprisings into a widespread, integrated guerilla war capable of being waged for years. Despite the gloomy predictions of many military experts, the guerillas have already been in the field for three and a half years, and Japanese reports from North

capital a year: now each move requires about \$150. Unless counteractive measures are adopted, experts have warned, the credit shortage will ultimately entail a decline in agricultural production.

About 60 per cent of Chinese peasants are tenants, 25 per cent part-tenants and 25 per cent independent owners. Most (and the best) land is owned by a small group of landlords, who are powerfully represented in the Kuomintang.

Before the war high rent, exorbitant taxes and usurious interest rates, coupled with floods, drought and the disastrous effects of the world depression, generated a marked trend to concentration of land ownership and tenancy. An increasing amount of land went out of cultivation, and China, reputedly a great agricultural country, had to import rice. Thousands of peasants were forced off the land—a source of cheap labour in the cities, of banditry and Communism.

Conflict Foreseen

Excellent crops just before and just after the war somewhat alleviated the situation—though rice imports continued. The extremely poor rice crop of last year—in 1940 rice imports doubled—which caused the price of rice to quintuple itself in three months, has led some observers to believe that the long war has further dislocated China's creaking semi-feudal agrarian economy, and that unless realistic reforms are carried out portentous political conflicts will develop from the increasingly restless villages.

Latest statistics, admittedly rough, seem to show that the trend towards concentration of land ownership and tenancy has continued since the war, despite the retarding effect of inflation.

The future seems to promise a conflict, peaceful or violent, between the war-born peasant rebels of North China and the agrarian conservatism of the Kuomintang. This conflict is rural credit would be reduced, apt to be the first issue confronting a victorious China—if more credit is needed than formerly. Before the war each acre of land (a mou is one-sixth of an acre) required about \$15 titides towards the peasantry.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE
A further instalment from the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

WHAT'S IN A GAME?

WE stand about the shriek of laughter. 'Lotto! Detail Board outside the Company Office. The Detail Board holds the daily news of the Company. It tells the soldier what he has to do. . . . And he dances away, lifting imaginary skirts and kicking his ammunition boots in an uncouth can-can.

It is the Handwriting On The Wall. It is the Word: If you're Detailed to do a thing, you go and do it, right or wrong. If the Detail says "Go and scrub the floor," you scrub. If your name is omitted from a Detailed list, you rejoice, and go and get a tea and a wad at the Naffy, for once off the Detail you cease to exist.

To-day, among other things in the frame, hangs a strange typewritten notice:—

It has been brought to my notice that gambling is taking place. I have adopted a proceeding to stop this, and any N.C.O. or man caught will be severely dealt with. Here with extract from Regimental Standing Orders:—

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At this, the Lad from the Elphinstone goes into a phant and 'Castle goes' into an army names for 'em.

"Why, I've sat and listened to a Lotto game for hours in peace time. There's an Army name for the Lotto numbers, from Kelly's Eye to Blind Nine."

"What's Kelly's Eye?"

"Number one. Blind Nine is ninety. Then there's Guard room Door, which is Four. Legs Eleven. Unlucky: thirteen, of course. And Clickety-Click: sixty-six. It's better than going to the pictures, and it's a nice harmless game."

HE WON POUNDS

"Personally," the Sergeant goes on, "I have not come across gambling in this Battalion."

"Gambling is bad among soldiers. It creates ill-feeling. Soldiers are like a lot of brothers. . . . all good pals. What's the point in winning your pal's money, or having him win yours?"

"No. The C.O. is quite right to put his foot down on gambling. Cards! Dice! Pah! Unhealthy. Now, a good game of Lotto is nice recreation, and hurts nobody."

"I used to play it when I was a nipper," says the Lad.

"Well, let me tell you some thing," says Dagwood. "Many's the time when the bloke calling the numbers knows the back of the lad's hand."

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FULL REPORT OF THIS MORNING'S PROBE INTO A.R.P. DEPARTMENT

FROM PAGE ONE

placing of contracts by the A.R.P. and the P.W.D. and we have to make a comprehensive report of our findings regarding whether Government has been overcharged for work done and whether the work done has been up to standard.

Mr Davidson: I still don't see the relevance of a person going to Shanghai and the amount he was paid.

The Chairman: You will later.

Mr Davidson: You reduced the salary to \$150 on instructions from Government through Mr Campbell?—Yes.

Then he was eventually given \$3,350 as compensation for your firm?—Yes.

Was ten per cent. charged on that?—No.

Was ten per cent. charged on his salary while he was in hospital?—Yes.

Is it correct that Deacons acted for this man?—Yes.

Did they ever deal with the Government?—Not to my knowledge.

All the negotiations were conducted direct with your firm?—Yes, that's right, through Hastings and Co.

Agreement On Costs

You also said at the last hearing that in the main all the costs which included everything pertaining to the job plus ten per cent. was agreed upon, that in fact it did not represent a net ten per cent. for Mr Pearce (then Acting Director of Public Works) insisted upon no office overheads being included, no executive salaries included, and only agreed on a portion of the salaries of men on the job. Is that correct?—Yes.

I then asked you was that the contract you were fulfilling, and you replied all the costs plus ten per cent. and you have the contract in writing. Have you not that contract?—The contract was sent to Mr Barnett.

But I see here that what you refer to as a contract is really a letter?—It is an exchange of letters between our company and Mr Pearce.

The Chairman then instructed Mr Barnett, the secretary, to read out the letter exchanged, one of which was in the nature of a memorandum regarding arrangements previously agreed upon concerning the construction of air raid tunnels.

49,000 Feet of Tunnelling

The Chairman:—Exactly how many tunnels have your firm constructed up to date?

Mr Barnett:—It is impossible for me to state the exact number as there are so many sub-tunnels. I can give you the amount of footage. On July 31, it was 49,180.42 feet.

You are familiar with all this work?—In a general way.

You have visited these tunnels?—I have, on many occasions.

Call them hide-outs if you like, not tunnels. How many are there in Hongkong to date?—There are approximately 21 sites in which there are numerous portals, so that the total number of portals which people could enter may number 200.

There are 21 different sites on which underground tunnels are made. What about Kowloon?—I have nothing to do with Kowloon.

How many of these 21 sites are entirely completed?—The tunnels could have been used in the case of an emergency practically at once but due to mechanical requirements and Government regulations on sanitary equipment and ventilation problems we are working on all the tunnels at this time.

Not Entirely Completed

There is not a single tunnel entirely completed?—Not one tunnel is entirely completed in conformity with the requirements of Government.

What do you mean then by your correspondence that these tunnels should be completed at the earliest possible moment?—At the outset this job was a question of speed. A year and a half before we took the job on we approached Government and were requested to submit estimates which we did, pointing out that before anyone could take on the job, they would have to engineer it from the stand-point of the foundations, the lay-out, ventilation and many other factors. When we were called in on the job, we were asked to start immediately, and Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, the then Acting Governor, personally visited the sites and requested that we speed operations as fast as possible. Everyone thought at that time that we might have an invasion.

In the space of 12 months you have been working on the tunnels, and yet not one is completed?—We worked as fast as possible. We were ordered to make possible the protection of the population in the event of trouble.

No Sanitary Arrangements

Have they all got sanitary arrangements installed?—They have not, to my knowledge.

Have they all got seating accommodation for the public?—They have not, but I understand some have.

Would it not be correct to say that though speed was the prime factor in the contract, the longer it takes the more money your firm makes?—Mr Davidson:—Is that a suggestion that the contract has been deliberately delayed?—I cannot see the relevance of the question.

Objection Over-ruled

The Chairman:—I am making no suggestion. In the opinion of the Commission this question is most relevant to the terms of the Inquiry. Your objection is over-ruled.

The Chairman:—Have you any idea, Mr Barnett, when the whole job of building tunnels will be finished?—I have no more idea than I did at the start. Two weeks after the job commenced, Lieut.-Gen. Norton indicated that if we could not speed up the work, it would have to be stopped.

He said that—Yes. He was anxious for us to open as many sites

as possible. No other firm in the Colony was in a position to carry on.

On these 21 sites, at the moment none of which you say have been completed, what in your estimation is the total number of people they can shelter?—40,000 feet would accommodate approximately 200,000.

Do you consider that if they were all full, that they are in a sufficiently advanced stage to house these 200,000 people for 24 hours?—Many of them are.

Most Reserve Answer

Would you mention these 21 sites in a position to house the occupants (or 24 hours)?—I have to reserve my answer. Some may not.

Why?—The ventilation shafts may not have been completed in all.

You know how many of these sites have ventilation shafts?—I am afraid I can't.

Can you find that out?—Yes. Some may not have ventilation shafts, depending on the sites and elevation of the entrance.

Do you know how many have ventilation vents worked by machinery?—I cannot give the exact number.

Can you find that out?—Yes.

Have you commenced any new tunnels within the last two months?—I believe so—at Aberdeen.

This is other than the 21 sites you have mentioned?—Yes.

Purchase Of Plant

At the last hearing we were discussing this question of plant which you had purchased for the job. I think you promised, if my memory serves me right, to find out more details about this plant. Have you?

Yes, I have here a summary of the plant and equipment purchased by us on behalf of Government.

What is the total value of the equipment?—\$269,254.47 as of July 31.

In October, 1940, roughly a month after you exchanged these letters with the P.W.D. you purchased \$43,799.12 worth of plant, in November you purchased \$10,724.00, in December \$30,067.32, in January, 1941, \$25,673.86, in February \$10,400.26, in March \$52,223.56, in April \$25,005.07, in May \$31,492.01, in June \$6,940.52, and in July \$10,224.56, making a grand total of \$269,254.47. Have you purchased anything in August?—Yes.

How much?—I cannot give you the figures.

Will you get them for us?—I will. Was 10 per cent. charged on these purchases?—Yes.

And who do you consider the plant belongs to?—Government.

So they paid 10 per cent. on their own property?—Under the terms of the contract, yes.

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Witness then produced a list of engineering equipment belonging to Marsman's and in service on the tunnel job. According to the list, as read out by the Chairman, the Company had \$8,000 worth of surveying equipment, \$1,500 worth of drafting equipment as well as plant and other equipment in their various units such as Needle Hill Mine, Concrete Products Ltd and the machine shop at Hung Hom which were used to make various tests.

What about the plant?—What is the plant in these units?—We hired it at various times to carry out tests.

The costs of these were paid for by Government?—No, we carried that out as an engineering part of the job.

Marsman's Equipment

Apart from your plant and equipment at these three places, the total value of your plant on the job is \$9,500?—Yes, with the exception of these which are hired.

But your own plant and equipment is worth \$9,500?—I don't understand. There is also equipment hired to Government by us.

Your answer is that Marsman has plant worth \$9,500 but in addition hired some of their own to Government?—Yes.

What is the capital value of your plant which you hired to Government?—\$25,650. At times it had been higher than that.

What was the highest that you ever had?—I will have to supply that figure.

What was the monthly rental paid to you by Government in respect of this plant?—In July last the rental was \$800, in June \$800, in May \$750, in April \$600, in March \$600, in February \$650, in January \$600, in December, 1940, \$400, in November \$400, in October \$450 and in September \$350. These figures are approximate.

Charge On Rentals

Was 10 per cent. ever charged on these rentals?—Yes, because they were part of the cost of the job.

So the position again is that Government are hiring plant and paying 10 per cent. of the cost of hire to you?—To the advantage of Government.

Does that also apply to the plant hired from Kin Lee by you?—Yes.

You hired an air compressor from Kin Lee which you say is valued at \$9,000. What monthly hire did you pay?—I believe \$250 for a full month.

That is not now on the job. Whatever you paid to Kin Lee for hire you also got 10 per cent?—Yes.

Does that apply also to the Hongkong Mines Ltd for renting the drills and grinders, etc., the capital value of which was \$65,000?—Yes.

What was the approximate rental for that?—Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a month.

On which you also got 10 per cent?—Yes.

So, according to this type of contract, it would not be incorrect to say that the more the costs of the hire the more your firm makes?—Yes.

Arranged With P.W.D.

Can you tell me who fixed this hire?—Are you referring now to the

Hongkong Mines?—Yes, if you like. That was arranged between ourselves and the P.W.D. Which gentleman in the P.W.D.?

I believe Mr Campbell and Mr Pearce.

How was the arrangement made?—In correspondence or verbally?—I cannot remember.

Will you ascertain and let us know?—Yes.

Kin Lee Hiring

With regard to Kin Lee, how were the terms of hiring made?—That happened to be just another question of getting a compressor. We were looking all over Hongkong and all the ports in the East for the equipment and it so happened Kin Lee had a spare one. Just how it came to the job I don't know. I don't know who arranged it. I presume it was arranged between ourselves and Mr Campbell.

Who fixed the rent?—I cannot say. Did your firm fix it?—No.

Therefore it must have been Mr Campbell?—It must have been arranged by Mr Campbell and Mr Pearce and Kin Lee.

Who fixed the rent for the plant that you hired?—That was arranged in conversation between members of my staff.

So Marsman's fixed the rent?—Yes. Without consulting the P.W.D.?—We consulted the P.W.D. on every item of expenditure.

In that case, Marsman's fixed the rent with Mr Campbell and Mr Pearce?—That's right.

Insurance Responsibility

To come back to this arrangement between you and the Public Works Department for making the tunnels, it is mentioned in the letter from Mr Pearce that your firm would be responsible for the insurance for which Government would pay. Is that correct?—Not that we were responsible, but we would try to secure policies similar to those in force in the Needle Hill Mine.

Did you succeed?—We approached several insurance firms but no British company would take out the policies. Finally, we obtained a policy from the Asia Life.

When was that?—Shortly after the job started.

In which all your workmen were insured?—Yes.

Including Mr Olsen?—Mr Olsen was insured under a new policy which stipulated that payment would be made if an accident occurred, resulting in death or loss of a limb or an eye within three months after the accident. Therefore we did not receive compensation from the insurance company.

The actual total of the amount of plant hired to Government comes to \$249,000?—Yes.

Supplied With Plant

Would it be correct to say that unless you had the plant on the job you would not be in a position to do the job?—Yes.

So you had in fact been supplied with plant by Government to do the job for which they paid ten per cent?—Yes, according to our contract we were to receive ten per cent. of the cost of the job.

You would also be supplied free by Government with plant to do the work?—Which is ordinarily the case with most contracts.

Let me put it this way. You have in fact been supplied by Government with plant to do the job on the tunnels?—No, in fact we secured plant for Government for which they paid and for which we got ten per cent. to which we are entitled under the contract.

You have been given plant by Government to do this job?—We have certain facilities Government has not.

Have you got the right type of equipment?—As much as we can secure.

Not Paid For

Have you paid for it?—No.

Do you pay for the hire of anything?—We receive hire.

Do you say you hire on anything you do?—Everything comes through our company, but we do not pay for it ourselves.

Marsman's do not pay for that plant because you recover it from Government?—Yes.

The net result is that Government use the plant at different jobs?—Yes.

On top of that you get ten per cent. on the cost of hire?—We have no other means of getting any return.

Out of equipment you could not?—At cost plus ten per cent. naturally.

When Maier Beckerleg came from Manila by air, did your firm pay his passage?—Yes.

Has that been charged to Government?—It has not.

You know the group of tunnels at Belcher?—Yes.

Can you tell us when you started to do that job?—I have to supply that information. It commenced several months ago.

Driving Completed

Is it completed yet?—It is completed so far as the driving is concerned. That was what we were actually concerned with in the original contract. Other problems, such as ventilation, the Government agreed to carry on.

But you are in fact performing that?—Yes.

It has not yet been completed?—No, for what reason I don't know.

Do you know when it will be completed?—As an ordinary citizen would you say that these tunnels are in fact able to house people for 24 hours?—They can be used. The ventilation in that area is particularly good.

Would they be able to stay 24 hours?—There is no sanitation there?—I think not. My company has arranged for sanitary accommodation to be installed.

There is some kind of ventilation?—The natural ventilation is sufficient, but it may be necessary to drive a few ventilating shafts for dead-ends.

There is a lot of seepage there?—There is, if it is not gunnited.

Assuming that water is dripping through rock, it will be necessary to gunnitate the rock and that has not yet been done. Are the railway tracks pulled out?—Some are. We were held up by military considerations, but they finally agreed to let us through.

You know the site at Wyndham Street by the Dairy Farm? Has that been completed?—No.

You know when that started?—That tunnel system was started some months ago. These workings on the general system it was decided that various other portals would be opened and that is the reason why some of the portals are now being opened.

Tunnels Committee

When you say it was decided, who decided that?—It was during one of the conferences held every Tuesday between the Public Works Department and the Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Is that known as the Tunnels Committee?—I did not know they had made the name. These were the members: Mr Pearce, Wing-Comdr Steele, Perkins, Mr Bishop, Mr Campbell and Mr Librov.

They have been meeting every week since the tunnel system started?—Yes.

You take your orders from them?—Yes.

This Wyndham Street shaft goes very far down?—I forget the extent of it, but I know it is very deep. It goes down some 30 feet.

Is it in an early stage?—The connecting tunnels were started only a short time ago. Various technical reasons held it up.

Used Timber

When the work was first started, did you use timber or concrete for beams?—Timber entirely.

Do you know the amount of timber bought by you?—I cannot give it off-hand.

I take it Marsman bought the timber?—It was approved by Government.

After looking up some files, Mr Carman announced that a total of \$476,945.97 had been expended on timber for tunnels. Included in the total was expenditure for smaller items.

Subsequently, it was found that owing to seepage of water, timber was not the right stuff to use and concrete was used?—This is not correct. They originally used nothing but timber. Then Government decided to use reinforced concrete beams.

Timber Replaced

Any timber replaced by reinforced concrete?—Yes.

Much or little?—I cannot give the actual amount but it was very small.

P. W. D. & MARSMAN'S EXCHANGE LETTERS

FROM PAGE ONE

under the best condition would entail considerable expense. In this regard it was decided that we would call for tenders for haulage contracts to you for your consideration.

No Major Difficulties

"Apart from these considerations we informed you that we saw no major difficulties in carrying out the work required and arrangements are in hand to start work immediately and to continue with all possible speed."

"It was decided that the tunnel entrances would be approximately ten feet by ten feet sections to taper to an eight feet by eight feet tunnel, all tunnel entrances to be finished in concrete blocks or other suitable material. In view of the large stock of railway ties in the Colony, it was decided that an eight by eight tunnel would be most economical."

Points Confirmed

The D.P.W. in a letter in reply to this confirmed that \$450,000 had been set aside for the experimental stage of the work, that the work was to be carried out on a basis of cost plus ten per cent. and that all labour costs and salaries of Marsman's staff directly employed in the work would be considered as a direct charge on the job.

Referring to the practical side of the undertaking it was noted that Marsman's had plant for five of the sites chosen and the letter observed that the absence of plant at that stage must not exclude the employment of hand labour at all other faces where such could be employed. It was agreed that the tunnel entrances were to be 10 by 10 and to taper to 8 by 8.

On February 14, 1941, the D.P.W. addressed a letter to Marsman's in which it was stated that as the initial stage of the A.R.P. work had since long passed and a view of the programme still to be undertaken, the D.P.W. was of the opinion in the interest of Government economy that the existing arrangement should be reviewed and it was suggested that Marsman's might be prepared to accept a reduced "percentage on costs" rate on future work as from March 31, 1941.

Considerable Commitments

The letter went on: "You will appreciate that it is impossible to put any definite date to the time or the amount which may be expended in these operations, but our commitments are very considerable."

"With regard to the amortisation of plant, it is agreed that Government shall acquire the existing plant now being used upon amortisation basis by the payment of \$20,247, being the outstanding balance of the amortisation account. All new plant acquired in the future to be purchased by Government, except where circumstances dictate that other arrangements would be mutually more satisfactory, it is not possible to precisely indicate these."

Marsman's Reply

Replying to this letter on March 15, Marsman's said: "While we appreciate the views expressed by you, at the same time we feel that you do not realise the fact that our costs on this job are considerably more than the actual disbursement statements that we rendered to you. Under the circumstances, we offer the following for your consideration: that the present arrangement of cost plus ten per cent. be continued subject to a full calendar month's notice of termination."

"In suggesting the continuation of this arrangement, we must point out that we have not been making any profit on cost or as suggested in Paragraph 6 of your letter of September 18, we have not charged to the job any office or executive overheads. In fact we are not receiving the full salary of any of our men, many of whom are 'revolving' full time to the work. Taking into consideration the executive overhead and full salaries which have helped greatly to accelerate the work, we shall not make more than about 6½ per cent. on the cost which as you, we feel sure, will appreciate, is much below the usual profit on cost plus contracts of this nature."

"In order to meet you as far as possible, we agree to the suggestion as set forth in Paragraph 4 of your letter of the 14th ultimo. On the following terms: That the purchase of all new plant made by the Government direct shall not be considered as a cost to the job unless purchased by us and then each individual purchase to be considered as an individual transaction on terms mutually agreed upon."

Profit Waived

"In regard to this suggested arrangement we feel that it is only fair to us that we should remind you that a great amount of work has been put in by our Trading Department, who have sold all equipment and supplies at cost to the Government, thereby foregoing their usual trading profits which range from 20-30 per cent. on many items. In addition to this, we would point out that all purchases made through our Manila firm have been made at cost and that we shall have to pay them, a handling fee of five per cent."

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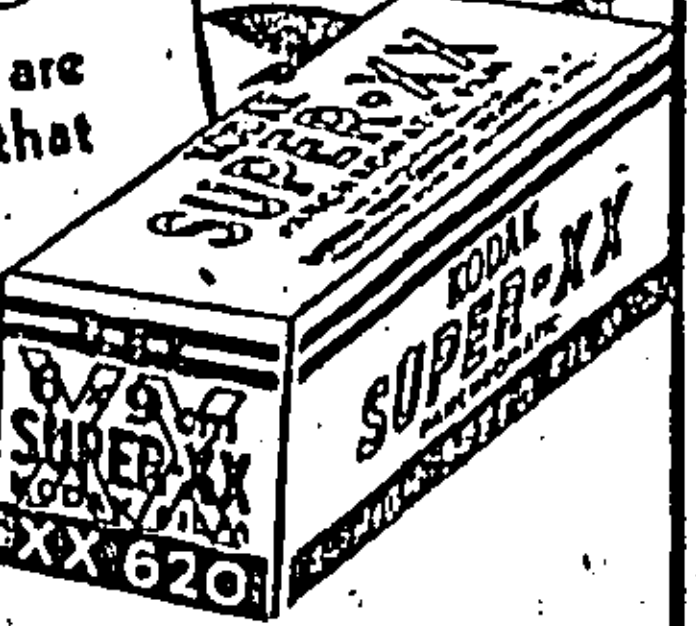
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Racing Season Rolls Around Again

Beas River Paddocks Not Quite Ready

Ponies Weather Summer Well At Happy Valley

ANOTHER SUMMER has come and gone, but members of the Hongkong Jockey Club have not been able to make use of their own grazing ground in Fanling, owing to unsettled conditions the development of Fanling property has somewhat been delayed through lack of building materials, but it is reliably learned that the buildings and stables will be completed before the end of the year.

This huge property of the club has been named "Beas River Paddocks"—the future summer resort of our "dumb friends" during the recess.

It would really interest one to know what is the actual acreage of Beas River Paddocks, because land in the New Territories is very cheap. I reported in my racing notes of June 9, 1939, that the Hongkong Jockey Club had started negotiations to purchase a big piece of land for ponies to graze.

Since then they have purchased additional lots and the cost of land alone, I understand, is over \$38,000. Judging from the figures disclosed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, at the half-yearly general meeting held in May, there is good reason to believe that there will be accommodation for over five hundred ponies.

A sum of over \$200,000 had already been expended and the amount includes the purchase of additional lots, the cost of levelling, draining, tending and fencing, and the planting of trees and shrubs.

It is estimated that a further sum of three lakhs will be required for the full development of the property. When completed it will undoubtedly be the only racing club in the Orient that will have an up-to-date grazing ground for the sole use of members.

Summered Well

HOWEVER, in the absence of a luxurious grassland, all the Australian and China ponies (excepting a few) did not leave the Colony for their holidays, and there is no doubt that all of them had spent the summer well at the stables, Village Road.

It appears all the racers were delighted to get back in harness, and, of course, training is now in full swing with the work more or less confined to a collected pace. We are bound to see some fast gallops during next week.

Transfers

THERE have been a good few transfers of Australian and China racers to several new homes, and all of them will, of course, run under their new respective racing colours at the coming meeting.

The most important change is Mrs. Gracet's Snapper going to the stable, Tasma, belonging to Capt. Holmes, while Lady Northcote's Devonian has been made a gift to Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The novice jockey T. L. Tseng is now the owner of A Good Time, Pignail and Pumpernickel, and C. L. Gregory is going to have "a go" at that sulky pony, Silver Spear.

Rivulet seems to like her new owners, Shiu Brothers, and Santa Anita becomes the property of Li Chuk-lai.

As to quantity, S. W. Lee has added to his long string, Eve of

Australians' Autumn Plate On September 27

Colossal Weight For United Express

A FINE PROGRAMME has been framed by the racing Stewards for the extra meeting to be held on September 27, and the Double Tenth Meeting's programme of two days has also been announced.

1942 Race Fixtures

Annual Meeting Brought Forward One Month

A LIST of race fixtures for 1942 under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been circulated to members and it may interest the racing public to know that there are two additional extra meetings as against 13 of the present season.

The Annual Carnival has been brought forward almost a month, and the first extra meeting is scheduled to be held on February 21.

The following is a list of 1942's fixtures:

Saturday, January 31—Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 3—do
Wednesday, do
Saturday, February 21—First Extra.
Saturday, do—do
Saturday, March 7—Second Extra.
Saturday, March 21—Third Extra.
Monday (Easter), April 6—Fourth Extra.
Saturday, April 19—Fifth Extra.
Saturday, May 2—Sixth Extra.
Saturday, May 23—Seventh Extra.
Monday (Whitman), May 25 (Seventh Extra).
Saturday, June 6—Eighth Extra.
Saturday, September 26—Ninth Extra.
Saturday, October 10—Tenth Extra.
Saturday, October 24—Eleventh Extra.
Saturday, November 7—Twelfth Extra.
Saturday, November 21—Thirteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 5—Fourteenth Extra.
Saturday, December 19—Fifteenth Extra.

Cesarewitch Stakes On October 10

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES will have its first running on October 10, and the first prize is \$1,500 to the winner. Being an open handicap for all comers, the contest will no doubt attract many nominations and the result of the classic will serve a good pointer for the two St. Leger Extra.

Australian subscription ponies and crinins of this season.

Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League

SEVEN TEAMS will contest the championship in the Indian Army Inter-Unit Wrestling League to commence on September 27-28 when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November.

The fixtures have been arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:

Saturday, September 27—5th A.A. R.A. v. Hongkong Mule Corps; 12th R.A. v. H.K.S.R.A.; 2nd/14th Punjab v. 8th Regt., R.A.
Sunday, September 28—Rajput Regt. v. 5th A.A. R.A.; 11th Mule Corps v. 12th R.A.; H.K.S.R.A. v. 2nd/14th Punjab.

U. S. Charity Football

New York, Sept. 4. In professional football to-day the Giants defeated the Eastern Collegians last night 23-3 in the sixth annual charity game.—United Press.

The resumption of our fortnightly meetings will be marked by the introduction of three divisions in the Cantala Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over six furlongs coupled with the inaugural contest, Cesarewitch Stakes, a handicap for all Australian ponies over a long distance of two and a quarter miles.

The innovation means another forward move in the interest of owners and the racing public, and it will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the punters.

Most Important

THERE is no space here to reproduce the ten interesting events of the September meeting, but the most important race on the card is the Australian Subscription Ponies' Autumn Plate, confined to the Subscription ponies of this season.

The weight to be carried by the candidates is 140 lb. with a pound penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes and the jant is a run over the champion course of one and a quarter miles. The winner is to receive \$1,500 while the second will get \$600 and the third prize is \$300.

The conditions of this classic event will inhibit the owner of United Express from entering his champion sub on account of the preposterous imposition of avoirdupois.

Probables

WE will have the entries for the classic after the closing on Thursday, September 18, but in the meanwhile I append below a list of probable nominations with their respective weights:

| Stakes | Weight |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Amulet Star | \$1,500 140 lb. |
| Araxy II | 1,200 150 |
| A Surprising Time | 1,000 141 |
| Handing | 1,300 147 |
| Black Sea | 1,500 153 |
| Joan Vaccinia | 1,000 145 |
| Bugle | 2,000 155 |
| Corral | 1,200 146 |
| Cock Shil | 1,200 146 |
| Dashing Deputy | 600 143 |
| Dutch Treat | 2,000 150 |
| Endavour | 5,374 168 |
| Happy Returns | 4,700 164 |
| Hole in One | 1,000 143 |
| Joan | 1,000 143 |
| King's Flight | 2,237 157 |
| Leek-Fish | 2,000 150 |
| Mainsail | 3,000 160 |
| Manhattan | 1,200 149 |
| Maple Leaf | 1,500 149 |
| Moonglight | 3,500 157 |
| Never-Never | 1,500 148 |
| Optimism | 1,500 148 |
| Royal Sovereign | 1,800 149 |
| Santa Anita | 3,000 160 |
| Sydney Lady | 1,500 148 |
| Tien Tien | 1,500 148 |
| United Express | 10,000 182 |
| William M. | 500 144 |
| Wayworth | 1,000 145 |

It will be seen from the above that United Express (if entered) has to shoulder 195 lb. over a middle distance run of 1 1/4 miles and it is interesting that the weight over the new scale for inches is a penalty of 43 lb.

It is without any question a terrific penalty, but one must not overlook the fact that the pony has had a good innings and has gained \$10,000 for the owner. I do not expect that United Express will be entered, for it would be wasting the nomination fee \$5.

Other Heavies

ENDAVOUR has also a heavy burden of 168 lb. to carry and the next in order comes Happy Returns with 164 lb. on her back. A Surprising Time has to tip the scale at 161 lb. while Mainsail has to draw 160 lb.

It is useless to discuss the prospect of this juncture, for the trainers have over a fortnight to trim their candidates. But the race will be full of interesting possibilities.



The 120 yards medley relay at the Lai Tsun-University gala last week-end. Kenneth Lo ready to take over for the breast-stroke, while Tsang Cheong-ming just diving off as Lau Yiu-ting touches.—Ming Yuen.

Bumper Entries Expected For Colony Aquatic Championships

Chan Chun-nam Ready To Defend His Titles

(By "Tinker")

THERE'S NOTHING NEW from swimming circles. The majority are awaiting the climax of the season—the Colony Championships, which will be held on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4.

The closing day for entries, by the way, is to-morrow. Heats will be held between September 9 and 13, but the order of events has not yet been decided. This will depend on entries.

But there promises to be a bumper entry this year. Conversation invariably turns in that direction, while Ng Nin and one or two others have already availed themselves of the facilities of the V.R.C. for practice.

The recent form of Chan Chun-nam, which happily shatters all rumour of unfitness, has raised anticipations of yet further records in the middle distances.

Twice within one week he bettered his Colony 440 time of last year, though it must be remembered that on both occasions he was swimming in the Chinese "Y" pool which is only 20 yards long.

The only other quarter-mile to approach within these times has been of Chan who has also been doing extremely well throughout the year.

Ng Nin was the great threat to most titles last year, but he found himself pressed by the crowded programme. This year different conditions exist. The heats and finals are spread over four weeks. There are only three men's events on each of the four final days.

As regards the sprints, not only has Davis Hutchinson been out of the picture for quite some time, but

a new threat in Tsui Hing has come into being.

Of the women, most improved has been Celeste Gutierrez. Running a close second, however, is Ho Wai-ling of the Chinese Bathing Club. They will offer a challenge, but should not be able to beat Vivienne Churn over the 50 and 100 yards.

Mrs. Gutierrez should have little difficulty in taking the women's 220 and 440 yards free-style events.

Added to this trio will be Ko Mui-ling, of Lai Tsun, and Sa Wai-ying of the same Club—the latter the back-stroke mermaid. Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun and Li Po-luen, of South China, are the outstanding breast-stroke swimmers, though Vivienne Churn must be considered for the 50 yards.

Jackie Anderson has been "down" for two weeks with flu, and though she returns to training to-day it is a matter of opinion how much of her old form she can recover in the short time left.

WITH the Championships, the V.R.C. will conclude a successful season, one which has been above the average in ambition. Their best initiative was shown in the arrangement of the "Inter-Schools" gala last month.

The Club may be suffering from a lack of swimmers, but there's nothing wrong with their spirit.

St Leger Call-Over

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Latest call-over for the St Leger which is being run on September 26, was as follows:

- 6-1 (o) Owen, 13-2 (t).
- 6-1 (t & o) Chateau La Rose.
- 17-2 (t & o) Sunnyside.
- 9-1 (o) Devonian.
- 100-6 (t & o) Royalist.
- 100-6 (o) Bakhtawar.
- 100-6 (o) Lambert Simnel and Starwort.
- 25-1 (o) Grindley and Ptolemy.
- 25-1 (o) Dancing Time.
- 25-1 (t & o) Felina.
- 25-1 (o) Forest Dene.
- 33-1 (o) Royal Academy.
- 50-1 (o) Felles.
- 100-1 (o) Hanger.

Kovacs Enters Singles Semi-finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 3 (Reuter).—Frankie Kovacs, indoor champion, who is fabled to succeed McNeill, entered the U.S. National Tennis semi-finals by beating Jack Kramer, 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

The women's semi-finalists include Margaret Osborne and Pauline Het. Miss Osborne, though not ranked in the first ten American tennis players, is enjoying a brilliant season and is capable of upsetting anybody. Miss Het is now hot favourite for the title, the winning of which would confirm the impression existing for several months that she is the outstanding player at present in American women's tennis.—Reuter.

ties and it is not necessary to say that one may look forward to a big fight.

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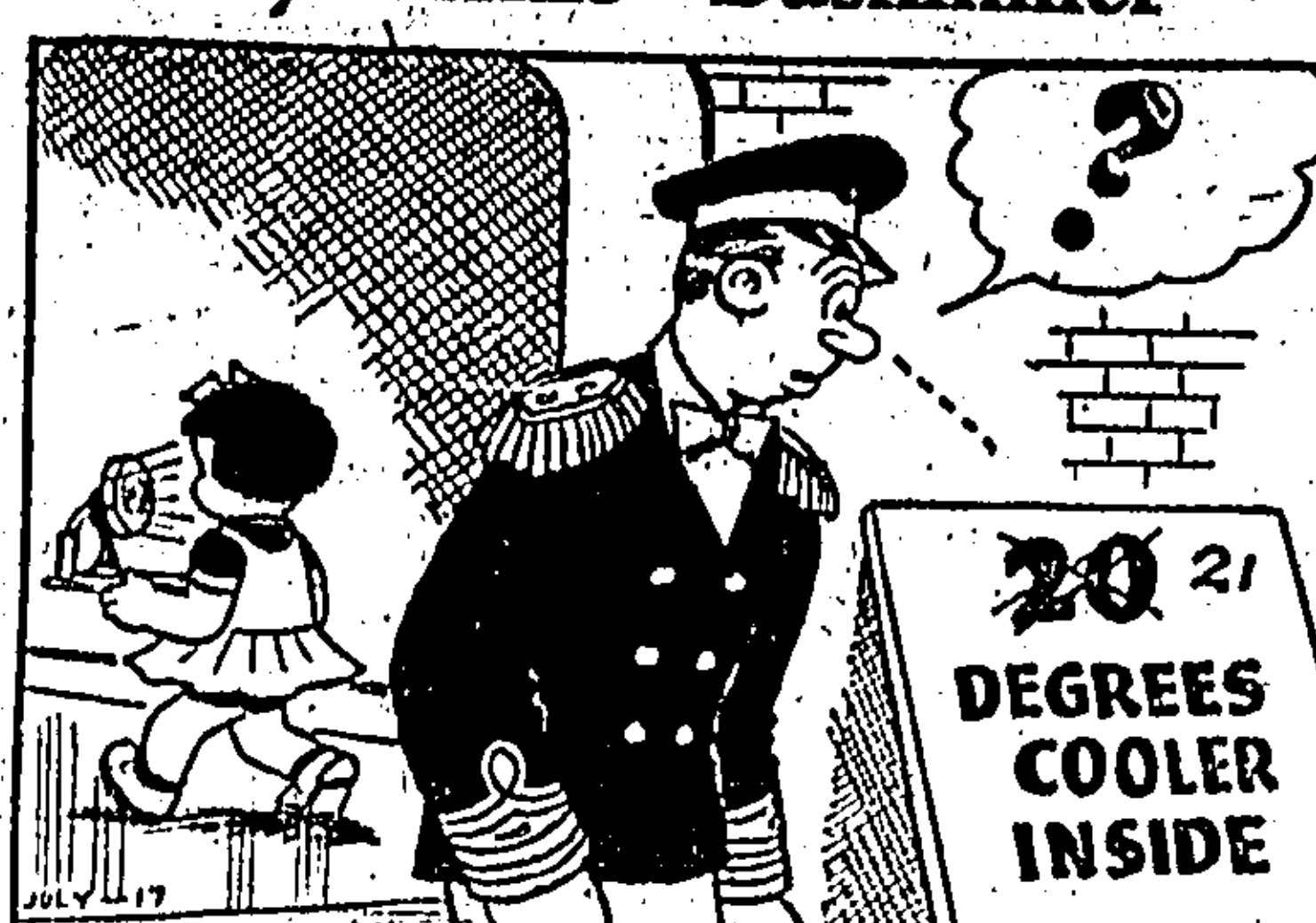
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Moscow Prepares For Long Siege

MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Moscow authorities are taking all steps to ensure that the city's population shall have as comfortable a time as possible during the winter. Huge reserves of food are being stored, including 400,000 tons of potatoes, and 214,000 tons of other vegetables.

Last night, Moscow City Council's President, M. Pronin stated that the work of fixing up Moscow's underground stations as air-raid shelters was being completed.

Thousands of beds for children, and a double layer of bunks for grown-ups are being provided on stations which have also been provided with running water, good sanitation and even a radio set.

The House Committee have arranged special corners in the shelters with beds for children, and in districts where there are many wooden dwellings, 10,000 dug-out shelters have been constructed with bunks and stoves. Some 3,300 houses are being strengthened to resist the effects of bomb blast. All this work is scheduled to be completed by October 17.

M. Pronin urged the utmost economy in the use of wood and coal, although Moscow has considerable supplies.

FOUR NEW ENGLISH BISHOPS

Former Soldier

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The four new Bishops whose nomination is approved by the King include the Right Reverend Noel Baring Hudson, who became a Brigadier-General in the last war at the age of 23 and won the D.S.O. and Military Cross with a bar.

Bishop Hudson, who becomes Bishop of Newcastle, is Secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Other new Bishops are Canon Frank R. Barry, Sub-Dean of Westminster, who becomes Bishop of Southwell; Dr R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Southwark, who becomes Bishop of Hereford; and the Rev. W. W. Cash, General Secretary of the Missionary Society, who becomes Bishop of Worcester.

Bishop Cash was previously the Society's Secretary for Palestine, Egypt and North Sudan. He served as Treasury Chaplain to the Forces from 1916 to 1920 and won the D.S.O.

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Raj has decided to give financial assistance to gliding in the country and will be granting £2,500 spread over two years. A gliding centre was recently started in Poona.

NAZIS WON'T FEED THEIR VICTIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Sept. 4 (UP).—The "German principle by which the occupying government is in no wise obliged to feed the population of the occupied countries" was stressed by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman according to the Berlin Correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne".

The spokesman added that the Reich solemnly declared that it would not take any responsibility for such feeding.

South America Leaders Urge Continental Unity

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The importance of Pan-American unity in the face of dangers arising from the present war was stressed in speeches made at a banquet given to the delegations of Paraguay and Argentina.

The Chief of the Brazilian General Staff, General Monteiro, paid tribute to the admirable spirit of collaboration on the American continent which had been given expression to by the policy of good neighbourliness.

He urged the necessity of intensifying the unity of the American continent so as to make it inaccessible to greed and at the same time unconquerable.

The present war, he said, afforded many lessons; among them that a weak Power which did not unite in time and with sincerity, or which thought that it could safeguard itself from being drawn into conflict by various excuses would end by becoming trampled upon by the uncontrolled fury of the belligerents who

admitted no right except their own interests.

Vital Spaces
The South American continent should unite in order to be ready to face the danger resulting from the aims of those who sought the domination of vital continental and ocean spaces.

Even if the pessimistic forecasts alluded to in the recent speech of Mr Henry L. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State for War, were not realised, that should not discourage them from protecting their own interests by action clearly conforming to the American spirit.

The Argentine Minister of War, replying, said that when an American went to another part of the American continent, he did not feel that he was leaving his own country.

Realistic Singapore Exercises

SINGAPORE, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Defence exercises with "effects" will be held here in the middle of September lasting two days. They will be so realistic that the population has been warned in advance not to be alarmed.

A communique announcing the exercises declares that the measures need cause no alarm. They are merely a contribution towards the training of services on whose work the community will depend in an emergency.

U. S. Weapons For Poland's Soldiers

Lease-Lend Order

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has authorised the first Lease-Lend aid to the Polish Government, permitting military equipment to go to Polish soldiers now training in Canada for action overseas.

A White House announcement said that under the President's order, machine-guns, rifles, artillery, equipment, lorries and other supplies will be sent to these troops in future. The statement added that President Roosevelt had "stressed the importance of this new aid to the Government of Poland as a continuing expression of the policy of the United States to aid all who resist aggression."

Vital To U.S.A.

President Roosevelt declared that the resistance of the Polish forces was "vital to the defence of the United States," added the authorisation. Lease-Lend aid demonstrated the United States Government's intention to give material support to the "fighting determination of the Polish people to establish once again the independence of which they are so inhumanly deprived."

Lowering Income Tax Exemptions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (UP).—The Senate by a vote of 43 to 23 lowered the personal income tax exemptions in the \$3,070,000,000 revenue bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee providing for the present \$300 exemption for single persons to be lowered to \$750 and the present \$2,000 exemption for married couples to be lowered to \$1,500.

Kerr Wants Aid To China Unified

SIAMHAI, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, has appointed a special committee to unify all British organisations rendering aid to China.

The committee will be authorised to take direct control of all British aid services to China, according to reports in the Chinese press here.

Governor departs To-morrow

It is announced that His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will make their official farewells at Queen's Pier at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), on which occasion they will also be glad to see any friends not otherwise invited. All are asked to be at the Pier not later than 9.25 a.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will leave Government House shortly before 9.30 a.m. and proceed to the Pier via Garden Road, Queen's Road, Jackson Road and Connaught Road. They will be preceded by a motor cycle escort of the Hongkong Police; the route will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic by the Police.

On arrival at Queen's Pier His Excellency will inspect a Guard of Honour provided by the First Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour, His Excellency and Lady Northcote will say farewell to those assembled on Queen's Pier and then embark on the Governor's barge. As the barge leaves Queen's Pier, a salute of 17 guns will be fired by the Royal Navy from H.M.S. Tamar.

Dress is: Uniform (jackets and trousers) for those entitled to wear it; lounge suits (summer) for others.

FALL OF FOOCHOW EXPLAINED

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).

An attempt to explain the Japanese withdrawal from Fochow, the capital of Fukien Province and Treaty Port, is made by the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

It says that there is no longer any strategic necessity for the continued occupation. It further remarks that "Chinese citizens of Fochow have shown themselves capable of administering Japanese reforms themselves" and adds that the Japanese withdrawal has "provided the world with a concrete case of respect for territorial integrity and sovereign rights such as the Atlantic Charter required."

Mamoi Recaptured

CHUNGKING, Sept. 4 (Central News).—Mamoi, 10 miles southeast of Fochow on the Min River, was recaptured by Chinese troops at 2 p.m. yesterday.

On the northern bank the Chinese, following their entry into Lienkiang, are pursuing the Japanese fleeing toward Kuanwangto, while on the southern bank they are launching spirited attacks on the Japanese. Halkow where they are boarding their warships.

Severe losses are reported to have been sustained by the Japanese in their retreat from points along the Min River.

S'hai Industry Decline

Effects of "Freezing"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Domel).—Ever since the United States freezing of Japanese assets on August 20, industrial activity in the Shanghai International Settlement has been showing a steady decline. The Chung Shing newspaper reports quoting figures released by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

According to mid-August figures, there has been no noticeable change in the activity of textile industries in Shanghai, though employers at present are troubled by the reduction of electric power distribution and by the lack of raw materials. Machine factories and metal work industries have stopped working overtime, owing to the restrictions on exports. With molasses unobtainable, alcohol manufacturers have been compelled to curtail their output, while the lack of peppermint is also affecting those engaged in manufacturing peppermint oil.

The statistics reveal that small scale manufacturers of flashlight bulbs have closed down, all—aluminum have suspended work and dye industries are doing only intermittent business. Japanese-owned cigarette factories are reported, however, to be booming, while two major Chinese cigarette factories are continuing in operation.

Myron Taylor

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, left by Clipper to-day for Lisbon en route to Rome, having recovered from a severe illness that has lasted several months.

SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO NAZIS

Leningrad's Forts

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—An unconfirmed report that the army of Marshal Ritter von Leib has contacted Soviet defence lines between ten and twelve miles west and south of Leningrad was telegraphed to-day by the correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet."

These defences are stated to consist of a series of forts remaining from the civil war of 1919 which have been supplemented and strengthened. These forts, the correspondent continues, are regarded as a serious obstacle by the Germans, calling for strong air attacks if they are to be overcome.

Crediting the Germans with the wish to spare Leningrad the horrors of war, the correspondent mentions that there are no reports of fire-bombing attacks on the city itself.

Dual Attack Likely

It is understood, however, that when the weather permits the Germans are making an attack on the Leningrad defence line and the great naval base at Kronstadt protecting the city.

The Russians are reported to be carrying out extensive counter-attacks in the central sector of the vast battle-front. These counter-attacks, it is stated, are proceeding along a line running south from Vizhma (halfway between Smolensk and Moscow) but a claim is made in Berlin that they are not checking the German encircling movement based on Gomel and designed eventually to shut in Kiev.

Beyond claims of the establishment of bridgeheads on the lower Dnieper, reports reaching Berlin about the situation in the Ukraine are scanty. It is suggested, however, that there will very soon be news of the launching of a big German offensive toward Kiev, which is considered more important than Kiev and Leningrad.

Finnish Claims

Besides claiming to have reached the former Soviet-Finnish frontier at all points on the Karelian Isthmus, Helsinki telegrams report an intensification of the drive towards the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in the northern part of the front. This drive seemed to be based on three sectors in the "waist of Finland" where the railway runs nearest to the Finnish frontier.

The capture of Salla, Kuusamo and Uhtua in this area is claimed by the Finns. These places were ceded to the Soviet Union after the winter war of 1940.

It is added that the Finns have now reached their old frontier everywhere except in the Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic Ocean.

MUNITIONS WORKS New Factory In India

SIMLA, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—One of the most important factory expansion projects recommended by the Chait Committee is practically completed with the installation and putting to use of a new open hearth furnace at the new steel-works of the Metal and Steel Factory.

The new works actually replace the old steel works which is being dismantled for re-equipment. A 2,000-ton gun-forging press is installed in another factory has undergone trials.

Several forging presses have also been installed. The shipbuilding directorate is working at full pressure in the construction of numerous types of seagoing vessels and river craft, notably mine-sweepers.

The construction of floating docks for the Admiralty will also be undertaken shortly.

BANGKOK, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Mr Taji Teikumi, the first Japanese Ambassador to Thailand, arrived here to-day.

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Summary Of War Fronts: Finns' Decision Awaited

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The most complete reserve on the progress of fighting on the eastern front which continues to be maintained by German and Soviet communiques cannot hide the fact that there is crystallisation of the situation in three directions.

Marshal Mannerheim has announced that the Finnish forces have reached the old frontiers on the Karelian Isthmus and it will not be long before it is known whether his Order of the Day reminding his soldiers that the time has not arrived for turning "swords into ploughshares" means that they are to continue to wage war for Germany's benefit, or whether they will rest on their laurels and remain on guard over the restored Finnish territory.

A tremendous battle is now raging for Leningrad. Against those formidable rings of outer defences, the German forces are throwing masses of troops and hundreds of aeroplanes without so far, it appears, making any real impression on the great air defences and military and citizen army which Marshal Voroshilov has assembled.

It is believed that the Soviet attack on an enemy salient in the central sector of the front, in which they hurled the Germans back 30 miles and captured 22 villages, is probably the counter-attack which was seen by Lieut-General Mason Macfarlane, head of the British Military Mission, somewhere north-east of Smolensk.

This, although a considerable operation, was not on the scale of the counter-attack for the protection of the Russian salient at Kiev about which details are waited in London.

The drama of the vast struggle in Russia which is rapidly approaching decisions of vital consequence to the future course of the war over shadows for the moment, but should not be allowed to black-out other interesting considerations. One is that the misgivings of the military leaders as well as private citizens in Germany on the way the war is going for them are now being freely expressed.

Danger In Conquests

General Kabisch, in a remarkable article in the "Deutschland," it is learned from Prague, points to the teachings of Clausewitz that conquering enemy territory without substantial gains could lead to the weakening of Germany's own position.

General Kabisch, with an eye on Russia's reserves in manpower and material, adds: "This applies especially to a war in the east where our aim must be to defeat 'the Red Army' to such an extent that our force can resume the offensive against England or in the Near East." Another consideration is that under cover of Germany's preoccupation in Russia, the emigration of the armies of the British Empire and Britain—from Canada to England, from England to South Africa, Australia and India to the Middle East, from India and Australia to the Far East—has reached formidable proportions and must soon be ready to meet all eventualities on the existing and potential battle-fields.

Mackenzie King

That Mr Mackenzie King, one of the leading personalities of the Empire and very close to President Roosevelt, has been instructed in these eventualities in the highest British councils, concerned with all questions of strategy and war which are pending, was one of the most interesting references to the Canadian Prime Minister's visit to London and Canadian forces made by Mr Churchill at Mansion House to-day.

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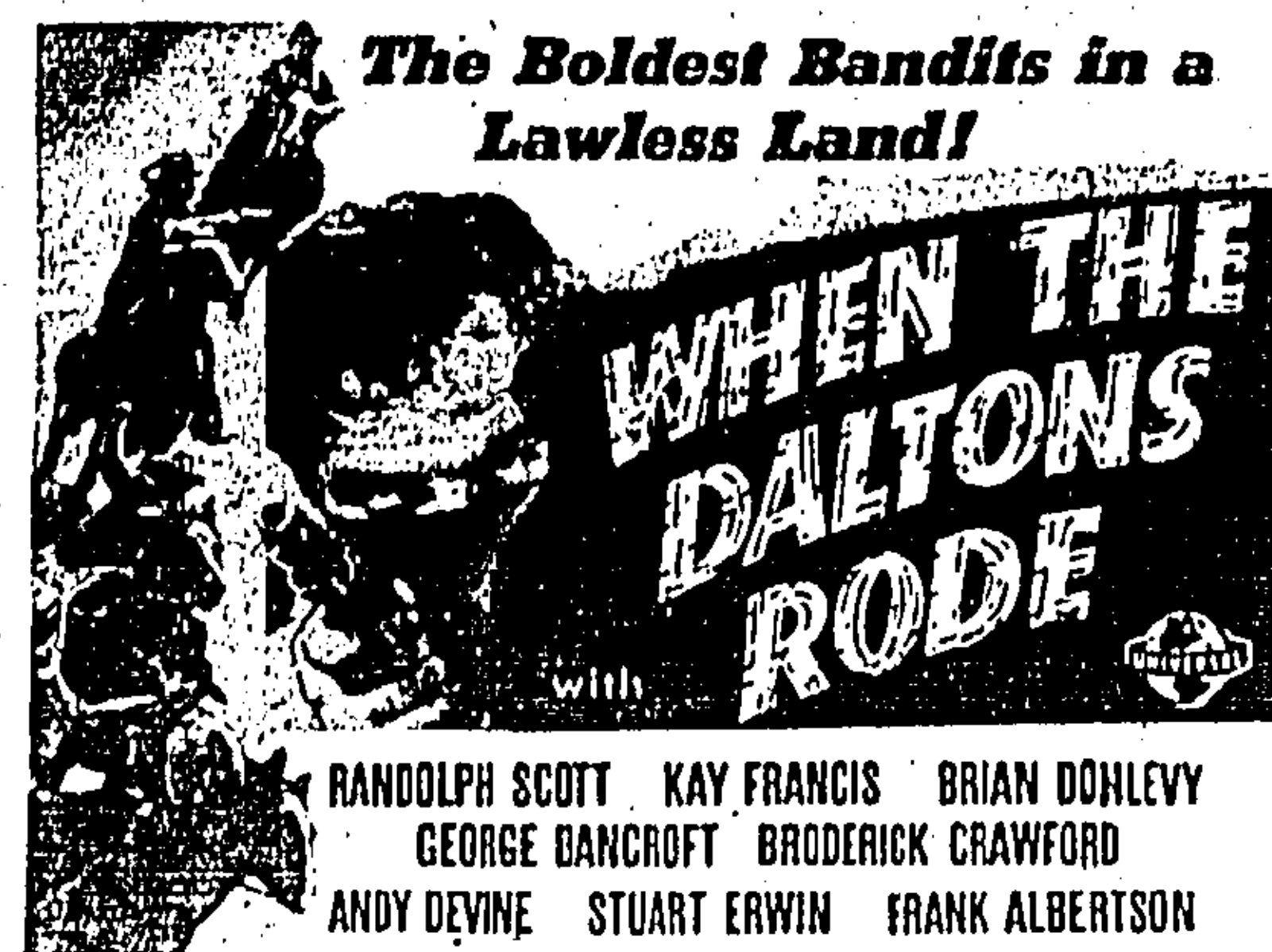


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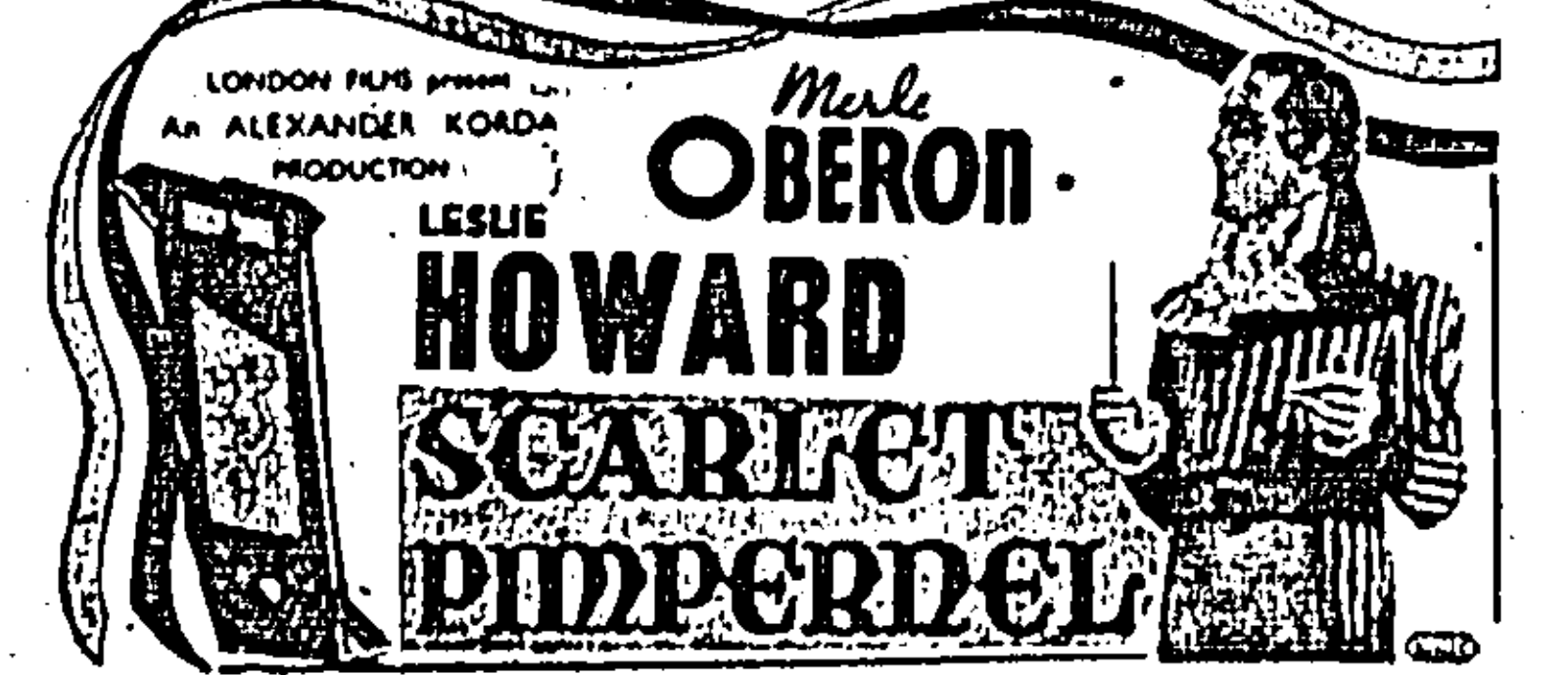
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Germans Abandon Many Positions

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the rest of the country by means of various columns.

Colossal Casualties
LONDON, Sept. 4 (UP).—Reports reaching London indicate that the total German losses in the Soviet campaign so far are 1,750,000 dead, wounded and missing.

Russian losses are estimated at between two and three million in the fighting in the field and between four and five million additional men are to be put into the field shortly.

Nazis "Radio Victory"
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, today ridiculed the German radio claim of the capture of Bransk which he called a "radio victory."

Asked by "Reuter" whether other German attempts had been made to cross the Dnieper by pontoon similar to that recounted in the Soviet communiqué, M. Lozovsky admitted that a number of such attempts were made but that all failed.

He added that the Germans, on still distant approaches to Leningrad, were unable to advance and that they were obliged to rush up large reinforcements in order to maintain their positions.

Finnish Losses
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (UP).—A dispatch from the front to the newspaper "Izvestia" today reported that the 45 day battle somewhere on the Finnish sector cost the Finns 18,000 killed or wounded.

The Finns opened an offensive on July 4 along a wide front and the advance was finally halted by vigorous Russian counter-attacks.

The Finnish tactics were calculated to advance toward Lake "N", split the Red forces and enable the Germans to thrust in the main direction. Russians swam across the deep lake carrying artillery, entrenched themselves on the enemy shore and are continuing to repel the Finnish assaults.

Terse Communique
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communiqué the Soviet Information Bureau issued at 11 p.m. G.M.T.: "During September 4, our troops continued to fight the enemy along the entire front."

"On September 2, our air force destroyed 52 enemy planes in air combats and on their aerodromes. We lost 28 planes."

No Red Fleet Losses
MOSCOW, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Not a single Soviet warship has been sunk in the Baltic, it is officially announced.

Reds' Communique
On Latest Fighting

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German military machine was willing to go all out for the capture of the city.

German authorized quarters have maintained a week-long silence regarding the eastern front and usually informed circles are without news except for a report that the Finns are now less than 40 miles from Leningrad in the Karelian Isthmus.

Hungarian Communique
BUDAPEST, Sept. 4 (UP).—The official Hungarian news agency issued the following communiqué today: "Allied troops continued their successful operations. During combats round the Dnieper River, the enemy suffered heavy losses."

"After stubborn hand-to-hand fighting, Hungarian troops occupied important positions. The enemy attempted a counter-attack but were repulsed, leaving many dead and a great number of prisoners."

ITALIAN SUB. SUNK
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of an Italian submarine by the British cruiser Hermione is reported in an Admiralty communiqué.

It says that the Hermione, (Captain G. N. Oliver, R.N.) recently sighted an Italian U-boat on the surface shortly before dawn. While the cruiser altered course and increased to full speed, the enemy attempted to "crash-dive," but the Hermione cut the U-boat in half, carrying a portion of the wreckage away on her bows.

There were no survivors from the U-boat.

Swimming Arrangements For Practice In V.R.C. Pool

IN CONNECTION with the coming swimming Championships, the authorities of the V.R.C. wish it to be known that their pool is open to intending competitors for training.

There is one condition, however, for the pool suffers from congestion from Club members themselves, and that is that Club representatives make application to the V.R.C. who will be only too pleased to make allotment of certain days for such training. This will alleviate any undue crowding of the pool.

Officials Selected
Officials for the meet have been selected as follows:
Referee—A. Asker.
Judges (swimming)—J. I. Ip, Chan Shue-put and L. M. Remedios.
Judges (diving)—L. M. Remedios, G. Agabeg, A. A. Gutierrez, K. I. Ip, and Alfred Ho Siew-um.
Starter—L. A. Soares.
Secretaries—A. T. Lee, A. A. Noronha and C. M. Xavier.
Time Keepers—A. Ho Siew-um, S. H. Wong, A. A. Gutierrez, C. M. Xavier, et Arculli, L. A. Soares and representatives from Eastern and Sino Tao.
Announcer—M. A. de Souza.

LATE NEWS

This Morning's A.R.P. Inquiry

(Continued from Page 5.)

believe, I thought it was strange we had not been consulted. I went to have a look at the sites myself and found it was true. Someone was starting work.

Have you not heard who sub-let the contract? I don't know, but I think it was discussed at one of the Tuesday meetings.

Tests Carried Out
Is your firm actually doing the ventilation work?—Since that time, we decided to use ventilation through shafts. Later when the matter came up, I questioned officials again on the other system and the matter was reviewed. A Committee, I believe, was appointed. We carried out one or two tests in connection with the system and hired coolies to try to substantiate the merits of both systems.

Are you now doing the ventilation system?—We are in some of the tunnels but I don't know what policy has been decided on.

Who instructed you to start the ventilation system?—It was at the Tuesday meeting.

Is there anything in writing?—I think there is. We have been instructed to design various fans which we have done and made.

Installation Of Fans
You don't know off-hand how many fans you have installed in these tunnels?—We have made in the neighbourhood of 12 to 15.

How many have you installed?—I cannot tell. We try to get the most satisfactory system to that end. Government has decided to send Mr. Campbell and Mr. Curtis to Chungking a few days ago.

Until Messrs Campbell and Curtis went to Chungking, do you know if they had seen any tunnel ventilation system? Have you yourself?—The system is the same as that we use in our mines. The Chinese shafts have not got proper ventilation systems. As a matter of precaution we are doing into the matter in detail. We have got Mr. Newman, our consulting engineer, from Singapore whom he had been working. He is here now and is checking on the ventilation.

You have no recent definite instructions to install mechanical ventilation systems?—On certain sites.

Have mechanical systems been installed in these sites?—Yes, on other sites the work is held up by lack of entrance. We make the fans and Government purchases the engines.

Mr. Corman was requested to supply information on the timber purchased, the price paid, and his firm's dealings in concrete at this afternoon's hearing.

ENEMY CONVOY RAIDED

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dumps at Gambut where a number of fires were seen to break out.

Springboks Get Five
Yesterday, in the frontier area, fighters of the South Africa Air Force intercepted a number of enemy fighters which attempted to attack our forward landing grounds. In air combats, five of the enemy fighters were shot down without loss to our formation.

No British aircraft is missing from these operations.

JAPANESE SHIPS COLLIDE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HAKODATE, Sept. 5 (Domei).—The 5,230-ton Tokusan Maru of the Osaka Tonoye Kisen Kaisha collided yesterday afternoon with the 5,201-ton Koki Maru of the Yokohama Hashimoto Kisen Kaisha off Aino Point on the eastern Saghalien coast, according to distress messages received by the Government wireless station here.

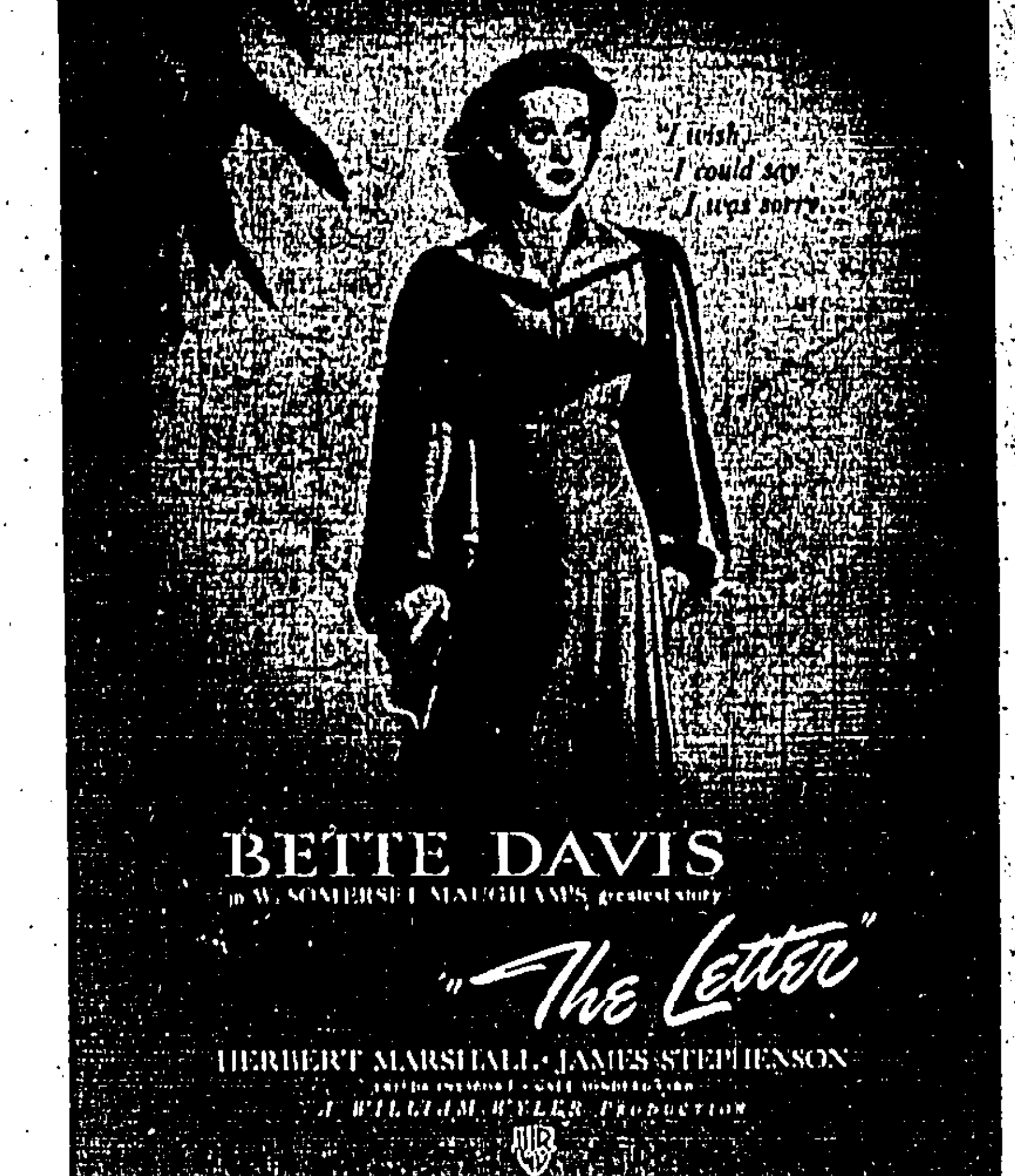
The 605-ton salvage ship Nansu Maru of the Japan Salvage Association reported that it reached the two ships. The Tokusan Maru is listing dangerously while the Koki Maru is not in danger.

The 127-ton Mamiya Maru of the North Japan Kisen Kaisha wireless-ed that she was groping her way through a dense fog and expected to reach the distressed vessels early last night.

Thai-Indo-China
TOKYO, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—According to a Saigon telegram, Thailand has notified the Japanese members of the Border Demarcation Committee that the withdrawal of Thai troops from that zone on the Indo-China frontier which is to be demilitarized has been completed.

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Heavy Daylight Raid Over Northern France

LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A heavy attack is believed to have been made by a large force of bombers and fighters over Northern France this afternoon. Aircraft were heard flying across the Channel at a great height.

About an hour later bombers in formation, escorted by many squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes, re-crossed the southeast coast on the way home.

Meanwhile anti-aircraft fire had been heard from the French coast and there were also heavy explosions believed to have been the crashing of bombs.

Rotterdam Docks
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—It is learned that one Fortress aircraft bombed docks at Rotterdam this afternoon.

Toll of Fighters
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—Eleven enemy fighters were destroyed to-day and seven British fighters are missing.

Pursuers Out-Climbed
LONDON, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—The Fortresses steadily increased its speed and the Messerschmitts gave up the chase when still 1,000 feet below the high-flying bomber.

The gunner in the Fortress felt a twinge of toothache owing to the steep rate of climb but otherwise none of the crew suffered and no damage was done to the aircraft, says the Air Ministry.

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